

Case Study

# Mandell School



## Details

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Location: New York, NY

Products Installed:

16,736 SF of ECOsurfaces

## Project Needs

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- Good IAQ
- Sustainable
- Easy to clean

## Product Benefits

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- FloorScore certified
- Durable

# ECOsurfaces Supports the Commitment to Education and the Environment

The mission of the Mandell School states it is “committed to providing a nurturing educational environment for our children and their families, which through intellectual stimulation and emotional support, enables them to become responsible active citizens of the world.”

The Mandell School built its sustainable 60,000-square-foot flagship school a few years after its 3,500 sq. ft renovation of its school on Columbus Avenue in NYC. The school’s build out strives to make a positive impact on the world by reducing its operational carbon footprint. Through the construction of the school itself and classroom efforts; the Mandell School’s students are aware and proud of their daily efforts towards their environmental future.

The Mandell School’s newest facility is three stories and has grown to accommodate 650 children; from pre-school to 8th grade. The school features a childhood library, a media learning station, a 70” LCD monitor to display

student artwork, and a “black box” theater. One of the most innovative features in the school is a living wall or “vertical garden,” that helps to stimulate young minds. From a sustainability perspective, classrooms also have recycled content interior wood paneling, comply with the Daylight Harvesting requirement, and ECOsurfaces Commercial Flooring that complies with FloorScore Indoor Air Quality standards.

ECOsurfaces flooring was the best choice for the Mandell School because of its; low VOC emissions is made from composition rubber. “In designing a school for children, it was important that the selected materials were both green and low emitting”, said by Chelsey Wold designer for both projects, The resilience and dimensional stability of ECOsurfaces also provided extra comfort underfoot for both the students and teachers.

The school was designed with a unique feature in its organic curved walls. This concept flows

into the arched and circular pattern of the hallway floors. The architect and design team at Mandell worked together to come up with this fun flooring design to help the children find their way around the school. Playful colors and plenty of natural lighting were also used to complete a comfortable, yet stimulating atmosphere for the students.

It is interesting to note that the flagship school on W 95th Street had its flooring installed more than two years after the 3,500 sq. ft. installation during the renovation of the Columbus Avenue School. For Wolf, the reasoning was simple, “The school was happy with the product’s durability and wanted to use it again.” In finding a sustainable, resilient, easy to clean, and durable product, Ecore is proud to have met all of the Mandell Schools’ needs, not once, but twice with ECOsurfaces.

