

OKCPS HAS SUCCESS IN REPURPOSING BUILDINGS

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Students walk into the new Harding Charter Preparatory High School, which was formerly home to Centennial High School.

Harding Charter Preparatory School was sharing a building with the Harding Fine Arts Academy and the two schools were running out of space in the historic building.

“We were both busting at the seams,” said Steven Stefanick, principal at Harding Charter Prep. “There was a lot of sweat equity and dollars put in to make the building work.”

Stefanick said the school wasn’t looking to move or considering building a new place. That all changed earlier this year.

When Oklahoma City Public Schools finished its Pathway to Greatness evaluation, Centennial High School was going to be a building that could potentially have a new tenant. The district brought a list of buildings to the Harding Charter and Centennial immediately caught Stefanick’s attention. It was the only high school building on the list.

