





Expanded Ford Learning Center

DIAGRAM KEY

The Ford Learning Center is on the ground floor (future lobby level) of the museum. It encompasses portions of the north, east and southern parts of the floor.

 EDUCATION AREAS	 OTHER USES
 HALLWAYS	 ELEVATOR

- A** CLASSROOMS: Seven fully renovated classrooms will offer studio-like settings for creative activities.
- B** TRAINING ROOM: A new high-tech orientation training classroom will be used to give middle and high school students an extended museum experience. It will also be used for decent training and adult classes.
- C** EDUCATOR RESOURCE CENTER: The resource center will offer increased services for teachers, including a circulating collection of videos, books, posters and CDs for use in the classroom.
- D** PARENTS WAITING/GARDEN RECEPTION ROOM: The Westport Garden Room will continue to be used for receptions and also provide an airy waiting area for parents of learning center students.
- E** RESTROOMS: New restrooms for staff and students.
- F** OFFICES: A "tour scheduler" office will coordinate school tours. Education program staff will occupy a suite of offices at the southwest end of the center.
- G** INFORMATION: Visitors can find out about programs and enroll in classes.
- H** ACCESS STAIRS: After construction starts on expansion buildings, visitors must use these stairs to access the center from 2004 to 2006.

GOING UP
Two elevators, including one to carry large freight, are being installed on east end of the museum.

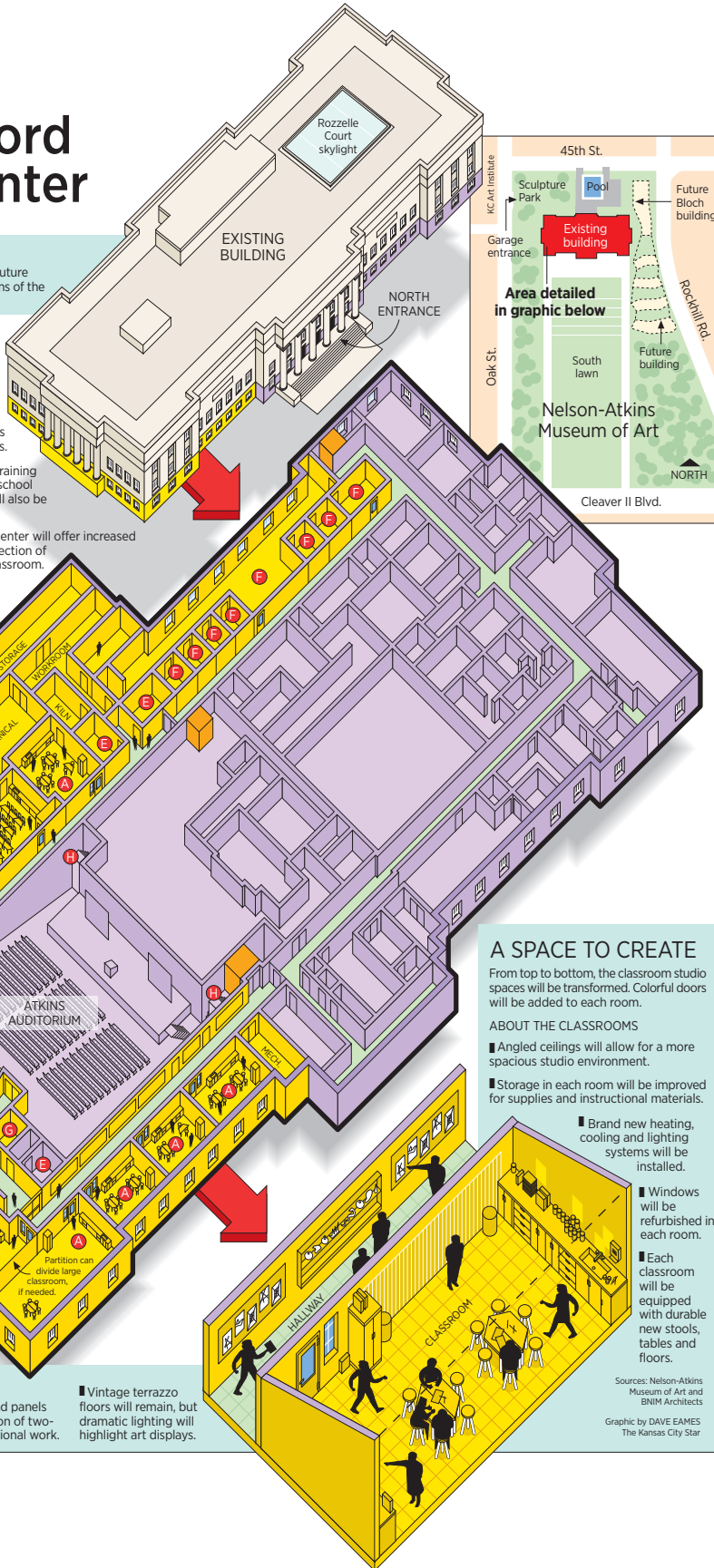
FUTURE MAIN ENTRANCE
Visitors will enter the learning center directly from the new Bloch building lobby when it opens in 2006.

SHOWING IT OFF

Hallways throughout the learning center will display students' work.

Display cases and panels will allow exhibition of two- and three-dimensional work.

Vintage terrazzo floors will remain, but dramatic lighting will highlight art displays.



A SPACE TO CREATE

From top to bottom, the classroom studio spaces will be transformed. Colorful doors will be added to each room.

ABOUT THE CLASSROOMS

■ Angled ceilings will allow for a more spacious studio environment.

■ Storage in each room will be improved for supplies and instructional materials.

■ Brand new heating, cooling and lighting systems will be installed.

■ Windows will be refurbished in each room.

■ Each classroom will be equipped with durable new stools, tables and floors.

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