

### 3 Space Descriptions

## Overall Building Organization

**The physical organization of an elementary school is carefully designed to balance accessibility, supervision, and a delineation between public and student spaces.**

As a central hub for learning, the Media Center is ideally located close to the surrounding classroom pods, fostering easy access for all students.

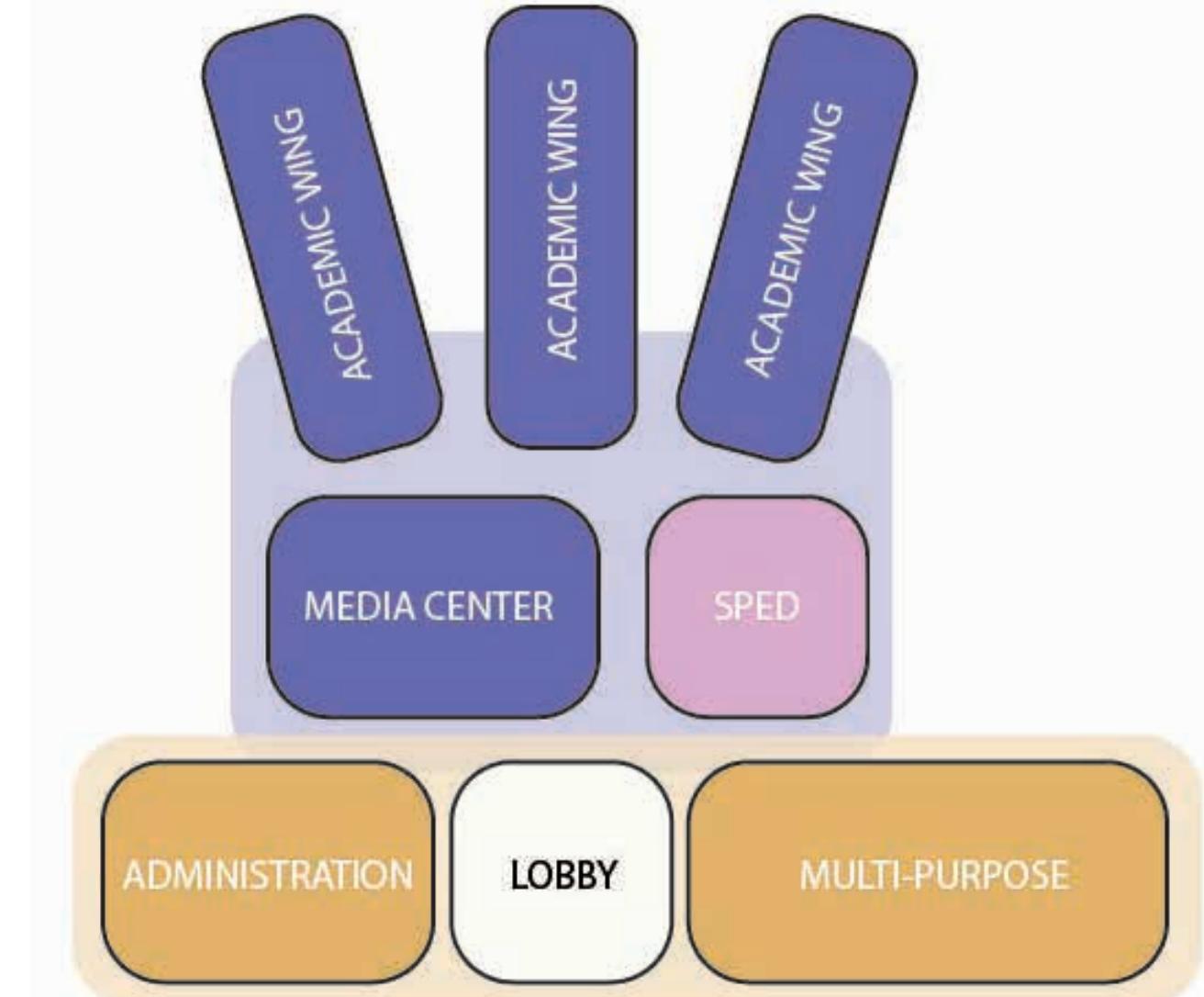
Administrative offices are positioned at the front of the building as the first point of contact, with support services adjacent. Special education classrooms are dispersed within the academic wings, promoting inclusivity and reducing travel distances for student access to specialized resources.

Early learning, Transitional-Kinder, and kindergarten classrooms are situated on the ground floor, typically near the administration to facilitate ease of supervision and rapid support for the youngest students. To enhance accessibility, these classrooms are also positioned close to frequently used spaces like the dining area, gymnasium, and Library.

For transitions between dining and outdoor play, thoughtful design includes restrooms, hand washing stations, and drinking fountains that are easily visible and accessible, ensuring hygiene and convenience. Overall, this organization prioritizes student safety, efficient movement between spaces, and accessibility, creating a supportive and functional learning environment tailored to the developmental needs of young children.



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Space Relationships Diagram