Finding Success with T&S: Camperdown Academy

Camperdown Academy is a specialized school in Greenville, South Carolina, serving students in grades 1-8 with language-based learning disabilities. Because of a growing demand for its unique educational services — enrollment increased 58% over the previous five years — the school had outgrown its original location.

A new $5 million, 32,000-square-foot facility doubled the school’s square footage. Construction was completed in August 2018.

Meeting Various Needs

Throughout the design and construction, school leaders focused on selecting features that best served their community.

To accommodate ongoing student development, separate restroom facilities were included for younger and older students.

Restrooms for older students were traditional gang-style bathrooms where T&S Brass sensor faucets were installed at sinks. This hands-free option boosted hygiene by reducing bathroom touchpoints and reduced water use by saving up to a gallon of water per hand wash over traditional manual faucets.

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The sensor faucets also addressed a specific issue unique to schools.

“Children can come up with all sorts of fun water games to play in bathrooms,” said Allison Rogers, head of institutional advancement for Camperdown Academy.

“If the faucet can just be turned on and left to run, students mysteriously come out of the bathroom soaking wet, and the restroom itself is left a slippery mess.”

The auto shut-off feature of T&S sensor faucets meant students did not have unfettered access to water, helping keep the restroom safer, the students dryer and the water bills down.
In the restrooms for younger students, manual faucets were selected in order to keep smaller children from becoming confused by the operation of sensor faucets. If they’re unable to activate water flow immediately because of the placement of their hands or unfamiliarity with the faucet’s function, they’re more likely to skip washing up completely.

Other T&S faucets and fixtures were installed throughout the facility, including in the school nurse’s office and staff kitchen.

**Simplifying Maintenance**

In addition to providing the functionality the school needed, the T&S faucets simplified regular cleaning and maintenance and boosted the school’s efficiency.

The chrome-plated finish has been simple to keep clean, Rogers said, and the durable function has eased the burden on staff by keeping leaks or other problems off to-do lists. In a busy and demanding school environment, things that can simply be forgotten are a valuable asset.

“The fact that we haven’t had to think about our sinks for a year and a half is amazing. We have not had one single issue, and we have every reason to believe we’ll be able to rely on these faucets for years to come.”

— Allison Rogers, Head of Institutional Advancement