Three exit stairs are located in the “strong corners” of the design to allow for quick and easy access to the exterior from any location throughout the building. The Life Skills Center is designed to be flexible, adaptable, and allow students to grow in an open, positive, and structured environment. The goal is to use education as a medium to inspire and revolve the youth as well as the community of this diverse area in Minneapolis.

The second floor opens to a roof garden which is adjacent to the kitchen and food preparation. This allows for students to have a well-rounded understanding of food nutrition, growth, preparation, and preservation. Green roofs on the third floor are flexible and can be used for many different occasions.

The use of a split package VAV (variable air volume) Reheat System allows for multiple zoning control as well as reducing the amount of space for equipment on the inside. The system is aided by a vertical geo exchange system as well as an air exchange system for the fresh air intake.