



STAR Center

Tacoma, WA, USA

Architect	Miller Hull Partnership, Seattle, USA
Facade	Modula Swisspearl Carat
Location	3873 S 66th St, Tacoma, WA 98409, USA
Photographer	Steve Wanke Photography , Warren, USA
Type of Building	Public

SWISSPEARL



The new community center lies at the heart of a redeveloped regional sports and recreation campus. The primary functions are arranged as an arced series of nesting units that open to the landscaped surroundings and offer views of nearby Mount Rainier. The red Swisspearl clad facade features a unique fish-scale pattern and forms an integral part of an overarching sustainability strategy.

The ventilated Swisspearl façade is one of multiple energy-saving measures through which the STAR Center achieved LEED Gold accreditation. The facility benefits from natural ventilation and lighting, with all windows shaded by exterior blinds to minimize heat absorption. Fifty 300-foot deep geothermal wells supply tempered water to a central heat pump system, which distributes zoned heating and passive cooling throughout the

building.

