Schools are built to last and the building products that go into them must last as well. And schools and universities are made up of a number of different areas – all with different purposes.

All areas have different needs when it comes to floor covering. Many areas like kitchens, labs, locker rooms, restrooms, maintenance areas, cafeteria food service, entryways, courtyards, walkways, shop rooms, offices, and commons, need a durable product that will stand up to the foot traffic and various spills and moisture associated with their use. These ‘hard working’ areas need a ‘hard working’ flooring product.

It is also vitally important that flooring used in hard working areas does not clash with other elements of the school’s design. Instead the floor should complement the design for a consistent look throughout.

Metropolitan Ceramics unglazed ceramic quarry tile meets and exceeds these requirements for the hard working areas of schools and universities. With a 50+ year life cycle and a variety of natural earth tone colors to choose from, Metropolitan is the right choice. Metropolitan is easy to maintain with neutral cleaners for green maintenance and is the best value over the life of the building.

Metropolitan Ceramics® Unglazed Ceramic Quarry Tile

Use Indoors and Out in any Climate.
Slip Resisting Surface.
Extreme Durability for Heavy Traffic.
Will not Bubble-Chip-Melt.
Resists Grease-Bacteria-Dirty Water.
Unglazed Surface Won’t Show Wear.
Can be Used Vertically.
Resists Chipping and Abrasion.
Economical.

GREEN at a Glance

- Abundant natural resource.
- Little waste in production.
- No volatile organic compounds.
- Offering decades of performance.
- Safe to discard or repurpose.
Sizes, Colors, Textures

Sizes options include 4” x 8”, 4” x 12”, 6” x 9”, 8” x 8” and 6” x 6”. Many size options are nominal (for example, the 4” x 8” is actually 3 5/8” x 7 5/8”) to allow for a grout joint when designing patterns. The most popular size 6” x 6” is (actual size). Tile thickness is 1/2”. For specific applications, some products are available by special order in 3/8” and 3/4” thickness. Different size options are available in each product line. See the Metropolitan Ceramics website for complete details.

The grout joint recommended in most instances is 3/8”. A 1/4” joint may sometimes be used in some instances, see web site for details. Metropolitan quarry tile is available in a variety of natural earth tones. Some products are reduction fired in the kilns to produce a random shade variation. Many colors are manufactured with little to no shade variation- for a ‘single tone’ appearance.

A number of products are available with texture for added appeal and to increase slip resisting properties. Details on all products manufactured by Metropolitan Ceramics are available on the Metropolitan Ceramics’ website - metroceramics.com.

Trim Pieces

Metropolitan Ceramics offers a number of trim pieces. Shown below are some of the most popular trim options. Please see the Metropolitan web site - metroceramics.com for a complete listing of trim and availability.

### Test Results

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<td>Breaking Strength</td>
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<td>At time of manufacture, Metropolitan QUARRYBASEICS® XA Abrasive tests at ≥0.70. All other Metropolitan products exceed 0.60.</td>
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Added Slip Resistance

**QUARRYBASEICS® XA Abrasive**
- Silicon Carbide Embedded Surface
- Through-the-Body Metallic Additive

**METRO TREAD®**
Raised Tread Design - installed in a checkerboard pattern.

Metro Tread has the added benefit of ease of cleaning. Will not trap debris. Meets the strictest health department regulations - California - without the need for additional drains.

Environmental

For more information on Metropolitan Ceramics and LEED V4, please visit our web site - metroceramics.com.

### Specifications

By ANSI Standard Specification A137.1 Metropolitan Ceramics’ unglazed quarry tile is classified as quarry tile, however, the exceptional technical characteristics noted allow them to be used in virtually any application suitable for ceramic tile. Metropolitan Ceramics’ unglazed tile meets both the ASTM standards, the ANSI A137.1 specification for quarry tile, and Metropolitan internal standards as listed.

Cleaning and Maintenance

Metropolitan quarry tile is easy to maintain and requires only neutral cleaners and no special power washing!

For complete specification and cleaning/maintenance information, including download versions, please visit our web site - metroceramics.com.

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