

Project Data

Original Budget: \$12,000,000
Original Contract: \$11,449,327
Final Contract: \$11,338,000
Original Completion: 8/1/2015
Actual Completion: 8/1/2015
Type: New Building
Size: 60,000 sf
Referendum: SUCCESSFUL
Utility Rebate: \$160,000
MEP Change Orders: \$922 credit
Chapter 573 Claims: None
Litigation: None

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A Cost-Effective and Energy Efficient Approach

One of Iowa City's newest elementary schools responds to and mimics the surrounding rolling farm fields. Situated with the main entrance to the east, a wedge-shaped entry offers direct views through to the farm that once operated the land where the school now sits. Another entry at the rear, or west, of the building access the bus pull-through and playground. The building's angular roof lines mimic the formerly rolling topography of the site, and two-story pop-up volumes in the media center and music and art rooms add dimension and allow natural light to flood in.

The secured entry wedge creates community with soft seating and a rotating gallery space to showcase student artwork. Terrazzo floors are both sustainable and durable, reflecting cost consciousness as well as the Iowa City community's commitment to the environment.

Windows are employed throughout the building to connect students to their environment while also daylighting spaces. The two-story volumes in the music room improved acoustics and bring natural light into the art room. The media center is flexible with an open reading space and a reconfigurable learning area to accommodate multiple classrooms at one time.

