



Hansen Elementary

Cedar Falls, IA



As planning began for the renovation of Hansen, the district desired 21st-century styled, individual spaces within and outside the classrooms. We worked with the district to expand the learning delivery model from a strictly



lecture-style format to a variety of small group, large group, collaborative and student-centered learning spaces.

This pedagogy paradigm-shift was achieved by creating new learning communities around shared collaborative spaces, with clerestory glass to bring natural day-lighting deep into the building. Small group breakout areas were created at every classroom window and were accentuated on the exterior of the building as precast concrete window bays, highlighting to

the public the inclusive and transparent learning environments within.

The collaborative "learning on display" campus style is particularly evident in the student commons/cafeteria. This is flanked by an expansive glass wall connecting students to the playground, outdoor learning classroom and adjacent park. It has become a beacon of the neighborhood and a jewel in the district's building portfolio.

New Construction/Addition

Entire school/campus building

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DESIGN TEAM

Modus Engineering, MEP Engineer
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Hall & Hall Engineering, Civil Engineer
Cardinal Construction, General Contractor

OWNER/CLIENT

Cedar Falls Community School District
Cedar Falls, IA
Andy Pattee, Superintendent
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KEY STATS

Grades Served: PreK-6
Capacity: 538
Size of Site: 10.5 acres
Building Area: 75,561 sq. ft.
Space per Student: 140.5 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$21,301
Square Foot Cost: \$151.66
Project Cost: \$11,460,000
Completion Date: August 2014

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