



EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Batavia Elementary School

Batavia, OH



A rural district with a facility that lacked the necessary space and technology, Batavia Local was in need of a new PreK–5 school. CR architecture + design was tasked with designing the new school as part of a master plan to house the district on one campus with the goal of maximizing the academic space to accommodate their projected future growth. A two-story “H” where the wings house individual grade levels, with classroom pods sharing common and oversized corridors that can be used for extended learning environments and extracurricular activities.

In the vestibules associated with the wings, murals reflecting nature’s seasons adorn the walls and symbolize the path of the students’ educations. Because of the district’s strong ties to its rural identity, bringing the outside in became an important theme for the school’s interior design.

Technology was paramount for accessibility purposes to give each student access to the front row. With new and efficient mechanical systems, ample natural daylight through large windows and sloped ceilings, Batavia’s elementary school is also eco-conscious. The design of the main entrance and corridors is driven by security, creating safe zones in lockdowns and providing exit strategies for students and staff.



### New Construction/Addition

Entire school/campus building

#### CR architecture + design

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#### KEY STATS

Grades Served: PreK–5  
Capacity: 1,180 students  
Size of Site: 17 acres  
Building Area: 114,400 gsf  
Space per Student: 96.94 sq. ft.  
Cost per Student: \$18,644  
Square Foot Cost: \$192  
Project Cost: \$22,000,000  
Completion Date: August 2016  
Sustainability Rating Status: LEED Silver

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