

# Projects by Design® is our unique service from collaborative no-cost design through installation and beyond.

Using our exclusive 6-Essential Design Elements™ process, our team of in-house designers and learning environment specialists can work with you to create comprehensive ecosystems that equip and inspire every student, from birth to Grade 12. We can provide training on the latest educational trends and methods, too.

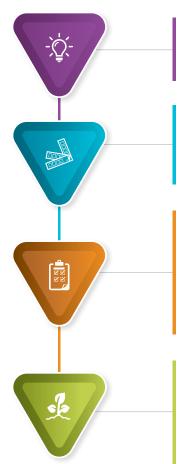
We can be your single source for products, design, and project management resulting in one P.O. for your entire project.

We've done this for thousands of school building projects over the past two decades. And we'd love to do all of this for you.

## Projects by Design<sup>®</sup> Process and Timeline

Here's the process we use to lead our clients to success.

To give you a general idea of schedule, we have outlined the ideal timeline for a project. Of course this process can be expedited as needed.



#### **Discover** (2-4 weeks)

First, we partner with you to roadmap your school's construction, renovation, or modernization programs, including helping gain alignment on budget and vision.

#### Design (4-10 weeks)

Next, we bring your product selections to life. We show you both 2D and 3D color renderings. In addition, we provide final price proposals, detailed room-by-room, and work together to refine selections until a consensus is achieved among all stakeholders.

#### **Deliver** (16 weeks from order)

To ensure on-time and on-budget delivery and installation, the team will supervise the entire post-award process. Throughout the process, our project management team will personally manage all logistical arrangements from coordination to communication and ensure a flawless installation, including protecting the building site through final spotless clean up.

#### **Develop** (on-going)

It's hard to stay current on ever-evolving techniques and teaching styles. We're here to help with a variety of half and full day courses that offer practical tips and inspiration designed to help you get the most out of your learning environments and your students. This phase is ready when you are - take as much or as little time as your need exists. Take courses before or after installation to inspire or train.



These are the guiding principles we use to transform any space into a future-ready learning environment.



#### **CHOICE**

When kids can choose, they get engaged. Offer tables with variable heights, lots of soft seating, and a range of colors that inspire.



#### **COMFORT**

When students are comfortable and confident enough to explore and discover, they learn better. Create spaces with ergonomic furniture, maximum-efficiency lighting, optimal air quality and temperature and watch them go.



#### **VERSATILITY**

One space can fit all. Learning spaces can, and should, adjust across modes and activities. Select furniture you can remix and rearrange to meet everyone's needs.



#### CONNECTION

Collaboration is the power that fuels social energy. Create spaces that encourage interaction between students, teachers, peers, and ideas.



#### **STIMULATION**

Engage the body and you engage the whole student. Active learning design doesn't just allow physical movement, it helps the mind swivel to attention, encouraging thinking, focus, and exploration.



#### **TECHNOLOGY**

It's everywhere... and that's where students need to be able to use it. Wire and equip rooms to allow for learning and charging everywhere.



### Discover

We have identified 6-Essential Design Elements™ critical to developing dynamic, active, modern learning environments.

They're the guiding principles we use to help transform any space into a future-ready learning environment to foster powerful learning experiences. During the Discovery stage, we will use these design elements to help determine your needs and the possibilities for your spaces.

During the first 2-4 weeks, we'll guide you through our unique process to **identify solutions** that meet your priorities and goals, as well as your budget.

At the end of this step, our goal is to provide you with a comprehensive needs assessment and room-by-room analysis.





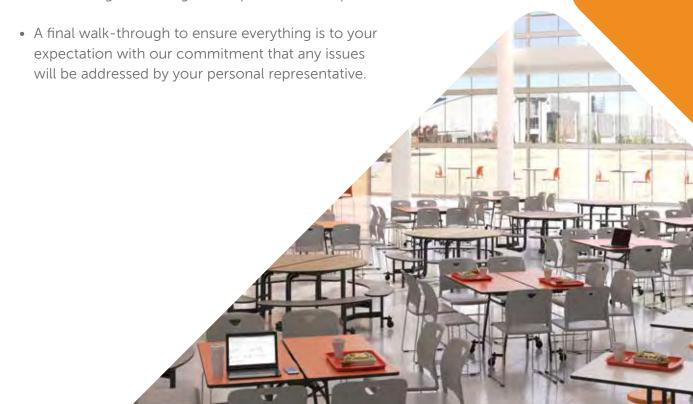
Using a procurement vehicle? Through School Specialty®, you have access to contract options and co-operatives that can simplify and shorten a project time line by as much as a month while reducing costs. Our Grant Assist™ team can even help you identify and qualify for grants to help fund it all.

Should you choose to continue to use a bid process to outfit your space, our team of design professionals and learning environment specialists are available to assist your procurement department or A&D contractors with developing the basis of design (BOD).



To ensure on-time and on-budget delivery and installation, we'll supervise the entire post-award process, providing:

- A comprehensive project portfolio with all details of your installation.
- Project Connection®, an online project management tool, where you can review real-time project information twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.
- Regular visits by your Learning Environment Specialist and the lead installer to ensure everything at the job site is ready.
- Management of all logistical arrangements, from coordination to communication, from protecting the building site through final spotless clean up.







## Let's create something amazing together.

We don't just have an expertise and process for creating dynamic and inspiring learning environments – we have a passion for it. We'd love to work with you to explore the possibilities for your spaces.

Learn what other districts have to say about their experiences with Projects by Design® or contact us to get started today.

Not only did their design and learning environment expertise create a gorgeous and functional space, but their Projects by Design process made every decision so easy. They provided preliminary programming to assess our needs, wants and the pre-existing site conditions, a budget analysis to determine what products would work, and continued design support in order to meet our district's objectives.

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