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most established architectural firms in the state of Iowa. Our team of professionals serves clientele from both the public and private sectors – designing facilities for educational, community, commercial, and recreational activities. We approach each project, large or small, as an opportunity for a unique and creative solution tailored to the client and site. Known for the technical quality of our documents and efficiency of our designs, frk coordinates complete architectural services, allowing us to manage the entire process of successfully transforming an initial concept into the finished project.

Throughout the years, frk has designed a wide variety of build-

Celebrating over 90 years of service, frk architects + engineers is one of the

ing types; with an emphasis in the design of educational facilities. We have become known as one of the leading architectural firms in educational design, serving numerous school districts and Higher Ed institutions.

Sustainable design plays a key role in each of our projects, with an emphasis on healthy environments, use of sustainable materials, and energy efficiency as a means to create architecture that serves not only the client's needs but the greater community as well.

frk's staff includes talented architects, inventive engineers, creative designers and responsive administrative personnel. We take pride in being attentive listeners and dedicated partners who share a common goal of helping our clients build innovative, beautiful and economical facilities.



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Clinton High School Pool Addition
Clinton, Iowa

This athletic addition to the Clinton High School replaces an outdated pool with a new state of the art, eight lane competition swimming pool. The design also includes a warm-up/cool-down and instructional pool adjacent to the main pool. Windows are positioned to allow diffuse natural light into the space while avoiding glare for both swimmers and spectators. The facility also provides an additional gymnasium, wrestling, aerobics and wellness spaces for the district, with a planned phase two renovation of the existing building.

Eagle Heights Elementary
Clinton, Iowa

Situated on a hilly site with adjacent wooded areas, the building is designed to take advantage of the slope and views. The plan is arranged as a two story structure that tucks into the hillside, acting as a "walkout" on the lower level, allowing access to the building at grade on both levels. The two story classroom wings fan out along the main circulation spine and contain alcoves in each room with large sun shaded windows. The light filled main entry is situated between the classroom wing and the common spaces and allows the building to function for after hours use by closing off the entire classroom area.



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Johnston High School

Johnston, Iowa

This new high school is the first step in the implementation of a master plan to re-configure the Johnston Community School District to better serve its growing enrollment. frk teamed with Perkins+Will to facilitate a series of user driven workshops that shaped the future of how Johnston high school students would learn. The concepts developed out of the workshops informed the design of the new facility. Filled with natural light and open spaces that foster collaboration and teamwork, the 360,000 SF facility will break ground in the summer of 2014.

Rendering: Perkins+Will



Summit Middle School

Johnston, Iowa

This new middle school is built around the concept of small learning communities, with classrooms clustered into five distinct learning units. These learning communities are organized around an open circular media center, capped by a large skylight. Circulation routes pass through and around the media center to weave the building together. The school presents high-tech learning opportunities for its students, bringing together spaces for industrial science, family and consumer science, music, and art.



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Waukee High School Addition

Waukee, Iowa

The academic addition and renovation to Waukee High School adds 22 new classrooms increasing the capacity from 1,200 students to 1,800. The classrooms are organized around a dynamic glass enclosed library which includes an open reading loft. The project also successfully introduces more color and vibrancy to the school by means of updated finishes and a prominent gold wall that extends from interior to exterior of the building, and acts as a way-finding device.



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