



**Rockford Public School District 205, Rockford, IL**  
**Architect: Cannon Design, Chicago, IL**

A school designed with kids, for kids. The first thing you notice when you cross the threshold of each of the two new elementary schools is the impressive volume of playful space. You don't even have to know about the creative design process implemented by Cannon Design to understand that this is truly student-centered design. Not only in the pedagogical sense, but also in the architectural sense. This dynamic project is beautifully scaled from the organizing "hub" envisioned by the students during the design process to several smaller communities that are playfully hinted on the exterior. Although structured as a town hall, you glean an immediate sense of choice within this lively space.

I have had the pleasure to perform on-site workshops with this community's educators several times before, during and after the delivery of the new facilities and modernizations projects. During each visit, not only do I enjoy demonstrating first hand my vision in the creation of Shift+ elements, but without fail I walk away inspired from the true passion and excitement of every occupant knowing that only potential lies before them.

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