

Des Moines Public Schools' Downtown School

Des Moines, IA

Summary:

2001; 22,000 SF conversion of movie theatre complex into 11 classrooms, multi-purpose room, administrative spaces, and public meeting room, all ADA handicap accessible; design-build delivery method.

Special Features:

Existing Projection Room was converted into an observation area for staff and visitors. Spiraled staircase maintained for creative student use. Daylighting enhancements made with large insulated windows. Neumann's renovation concept and budget was 43% below school district's independent consultant's proposed budget! 2003 Design-Build Institute of America Award for Adaptive Re-Use/Renovation.



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