

Ireland Elementary School

- Owner: Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools
- Location: Jasper, IN
- 52,940 s.f. of new construction 14,620 s.f. renovation
- Project Description: The project involved complete renovation of the gym's interior with preservation of the old stage area. Grade levels are grouped into "community" wings complete with entrances, restrooms and prep areas. A unified building character is projected by the use of new red brick veneer on the existing gymnasium, which is then carried throughout the project along with limestone trim, split-face concrete masonry and triangular metal-roofed entrance canopies. Triangular window bays are used to bring natural light into each classroom and to provide reading alcoves. Interior finishes include carpeted corridors and classrooms, as well as vinyl wall covering, plastic laminate casework and wood doors. Special features of the facility include a tiered large group room for grade-level activities, a reading pit in the media center, a clock tower identifying the entrance, and the incorporation of the limestone sign from the original Ireland School. Safety concerns led to the inclusion of an automatic fire-suppression system, an off-street student pick-up/drop-off area, and a rubber synthetic play surface for the kindergarten playground.

