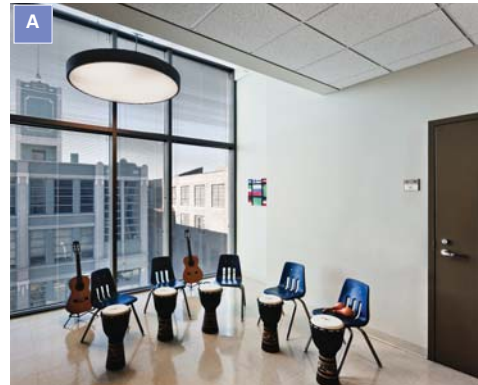




## The British School of Chicago

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



Over the past few years Epstein has been retained by the British School of Chicago to provide full interior design services, including programming, schematic design, design development, construction documentation and construction administration for its new, 75,000 square foot school. This facility is located at the corner of Halsted and Eastman Streets within a new mixed-use development, designed by Valerio Dewalt Train, in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood. The British School is 5-stories and can accommodate a student population of 600, ages 3 to 18.



The interior design included a warming kitchen, a multi-functional dining space with seating for 300 students, both junior and senior-level libraries, science laboratories, art rooms, a music classroom/laboratory, a design technology laboratory, a full-sized basketball court/gymnasium and administrative offices. A ground-level playground was also provided for younger students while a unique, rooftop exercise area was designed for older students.

In addition to providing interior design services Epstein has also provided MEP engineering services. Special considerations included accommodations for a mobile laptop computer lab, which allows the computers to be transported from room to room, laboratory support services, and music rooms, where sound performance is critical.

Specialized lighting design services were also included. Theatrical lighting was added in the cafeteria space to accommodate student performances in theatre and music. In addition, energy efficient fluorescent "sport lighting" was used in lieu of traditional gymnasium lighting methods.

Epstein's success with this original project, which was completed in 2008, led the British School to contract Epstein in 2009 to provide MEP engineering and interior design services for a new 9,500 square foot expansion to the School. This project included the renovation of two existing classrooms and the build-out of an existing space to accommodate five high-tech classrooms for Early Childhood Learning, a Music Room, a Library, an Indoor Play Area and children's ADA compliant restrooms.

Budget conscience finishes include the use of energetic brightly colored primary color schemes on floors and walls. Each classroom utilizes smart board technology and is sized for 20+ students. The double height indoor play room houses indoor play equipment, has a mirrored wall and an adjustable ballet barre.



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A: Fourth Floor Music Room  
 B: Third Floor Science Lab

C: Fourth Floor Gymnasium  
 D: Second Floor Library



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