

Elmhurst CUSD 205 Edison School

Elmhurst, Illinois



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In 2018, Elmhurst CUSD 205 passed a \$168 million referendum to make district-wide improvements to their learning environments. The first project as part of the construction program was a major renovation and expansion of Edison Elementary School. The project began in the spring of 2020 and was completed during the summer of 2021. Edison is one of the only schools within the District not landlocked so it was a logical starting point for the construction program. The expansion at Edison provided the District space to temporarily house students from Lincoln and Field Elementary Schools during construction projects at those learning facilities.

Edison was originally built in 1956 and houses grades K-5. The expansion houses four (4) kindergarten classrooms and provides the space needed to offer full-day kindergarten.
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[CONT'D] A major reconfiguration of the existing school updated and arranged classrooms in a pinwheel fashion, revolving around a new focal-point media center. The media center serves as a hub of collaboration, technology and self-directed learning.

The renovation also provides a secure entry point and administrative offices. Life safety upgrades were completed throughout the building, including electrical service upgrades and installation of a complete fire protection system. Last, ICI provided an outdoor play area for the school.