

Customer

International School of Indiana (ISI)

ISI prepares young people to contribute and compete globally by educating them in a multilingual and multicultural environment through an internationally recognized curriculum.



Location

Indianapolis

Enrollment

570 students, ranging from a preschool for three-year-olds to grade 12

Project Architect

Schmidt Associates

Christopher McComas

Architect/Designer
Advocati

"A family from Switzerland visited the school. Their son was not expecting much since his mind was made up to go to a large high school. When he saw the classrooms and the cool factor of the izzy furniture, he changed his mind. It had a direct impact on him. The head of the school noticed it immediately. We were able to project an international look and flavor in the built environment that you can't convey through conversation.

The building committee took a huge risk in installing this furniture, which they initially thought they couldn't afford, from a new company like izzy. But the committee chair, who was initially very cautious, was just ecstatic after the furniture was installed."

Janice Cota

Director of Finance and Operations
International School of Indiana

"Beyond providing Indianapolis natives with truly an unique educational opportunity, part of the School's mission is to serve students who come to the United States because their parents work for international companies like Eli Lilly and Company, Roche Diagnostics or DowAgro Sciences. Thirty-five percent of our student body comes from 47 different countries so our school culture is very international, too. That's why we chose izzydesign to furnish our new building. It has a very Euro feel, and that works for us because our campus is a blend of traditional and contemporary. We're rethinking spaces and how spaces will be used now and in the future. We need to be flexible, and flexibility is built right into izzy's furniture design."

The Need

With an international population of students and a quickly expanding campus, the International School of Indiana needed cool, affordable furniture for its soon-to-be-opened high school. Furnishings needed to blend well with traditional collegiate-style architecture of the Midwest – yet voice a youthful, contemporary point-of-view that would inspire both students and instructors. Flexibility was key, to create dynamic, customized classroom settings and learning experiences you couldn't find elsewhere. Budget was crucial, since construction costs to build the new high school would consume most of the funds raised through a recent capital campaign.

izzy's Solution

izzy products speak the universal language of fun, creative learning – from fluid, elegant design to soft, curved edges that

invite collaboration. Tables range from a custom-built width of 34 inches for students, to a spacious 100-inch corner table for faculty and administration, in calm pebble, sand and cement neutrals and pavement grey tones. The custom-width table was designed to save space, ever keeping future growth in mind. izzydesign was so impressed with ISI's "Education without Borders" that President Chuck Saylor found a way to meet the school's budget constraints. The furniture was made over a longer than needed 16-week window that allowed izzy to maintain its current production schedule. The result is truly cool, affordable furniture at additional savings to ISI.

The students' favorite place? The café, of course, with a splashy soda parlor assortment of izzyseating – delightfully served up in Fresh Water, Mint Cream, Blackberry, Blueberry and Lemon Phosphate.