

# 2002 K-12 Educational Facilities Design Awards

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This year for the first time, the BSA administered a design awards program that focused specifically on educational facilities serving K-12 students...One of the challenges we faced as jurors was understanding projects that seemed challenging or complex but often lacked adequate explanatory information such as how a particular learning model might have driven design...While the 57 submissions included many handsome buildings, we found very little narrative that focused on educational theory and how that might have influenced the program and the design solution. One quirky discovery that we found troubling was the excessive emphasis on exterior facades often at the expense of adequate verbal and visual information on the design of interiors; indeed, several portfolios wholly lacked images of classrooms or other interior spaces...We were quite taken with the delightful and widespread experimentation with color in interior spaces and with the generally careful and competent work exhibited in almost every submission we had the opportunity to review.

*Editor's note:*  
 The full text of jury comments, including responses to individual projects and the jury's recommendations on the preparation of submissions, may be found at [www.architects.org/design\\_awards\\_program](http://www.architects.org/design_awards_program)

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**The Architectural Team, Inc.**  
 Gerald and Darlene Jordan  
 Boys & Girls Club  
 Chelsea, Massachusetts

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**Chan Krieger & Associates**  
 Nicholas Athletic Center  
 Buckingham Browne and  
 Nichols School  
 Cambridge, Massachusetts

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**Fiansburgh Associates, Inc.**  
 Ipswich Middle/High School  
 Ipswich, Massachusetts

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**Graham Gund Architects with  
 Van Dijk Westlake Reed Leskosky**  
 Hathaway Brown School  
 Middle School Addition  
 Shaker Heights, Ohio

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**Harriman Associates  
 Architects + Engineers**  
 Noble High School  
 North Barwick, Maine  
 Auburn, Maine

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**HMFH Architects, Inc.**  
**Maria L. Baldwin School**  
 (formerly Agassiz School)  
 Cambridge, Massachusetts

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**Perry Dean Rogers | Partners  
 Architects**  
 The Dillon Arts Center  
 Groton School  
 Groton, Massachusetts

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**Symmes Maini & McKee Associates**  
 Science and Technology Center  
 Noble and Greenough School  
 Dedham, Massachusetts

**Award:**  
**Nicholas Athletic Center**  
**Buckingham Browne and**  
**Nichols School**  
 Cambridge, Massachusetts

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 Alex Krieger FAIA (design principal); Lawrence A. Chan AIA (design principal); Tom Sieniewicz AIA (project manager)

**Contractor:**  
 Richard White Sons

**Consultants:**  
 LeMessurier Consultants (structural); Abhood/Hollbran Associates, Inc. (MEP); Child Associates, Inc. (MEP); Samotas Consultants, Inc. (civil); Berg/Hovland Associates (lighting)

The Nicholas Athletic Center includes a 44,000-square-foot, two-level gymnasium housing basketball and volleyball courts, a state-of-the-art rowing tank, a wrestling room, dance studios, and a future running track. The 25,000-square-foot field house, built for seasonal ice hockey and tennis also incorporates a fitness room, meeting rooms, and classrooms.

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