



EDUCATION CASE STUDY



CUSTOMER

Bowling Green School District, Bowling Green, Ohio

DATE

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SITUATION

The Bowling Green School District replaced its 80-year-old junior high school building this summer with a new middle school facility. In addition to creating a state-of-the-art institution from technological and architectural perspectives, a primary objective of the district was to earn Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) certification for the school. This meant materials used in construction and the interior, including furniture, needed to meet rigid standards established by the U.S. Green Building Council. Other criteria for furnishings set by the district included durability, cost-effectiveness, comfort and availability of task-specific models for particular settings.

BIOFIT REPRESENTATIVE

John Stemmler

SOLUTION

Concurring with a recommendation from the project architectural and engineering firm, Buehrer Group Inc., the school district selected BioFit to provide ergonomic seating for the school's teachers, administrative areas, and art, science and technology laboratories, as well as cafeteria tables and library book trucks. Interior designer Sherri Sherock explained, "We've used BioFit on many past projects; the quality of their products is outstanding and their people are great to work with. Plus, as their seating is LEED-compliant, they were a logical choice." Diane Tache, assistant superintendent of Bowling Green Schools, affirmed that LEED compliance of BioFit's products was a positive factor, adding: "BioFit was able to meet our budget, comfort and reliability requirements – our teachers actually selected their chairs from a 'sit-test' – and it was a bonus to keep taxpayers' money local as a Bowling Green manufacturer was able to meet our needs." She also noted there were virtually no post-installation punch list items. BioFit products placed in the school included the FVN-model ergonomic chair, featuring the Avalon™ seat with sewn seams and backrest with seamless upholstery, for use by teachers and administrators; UU-model self-skinned urethane chairs and stools for computer technology and science labs, respectively; AJ-model stools for art laboratories; GREENGUARD™ Indoor Air Quality and Children & Schools-certified 10-seat Oval tables for cafeteria use; and, book trucks for the library.

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PRODUCT PROFILE

- FVN ergonomic office chairs deliver enhanced user performance and comfort, featuring a large executive-style contoured backrest to provide lumbar and kidney support, a roomy seat with 3" thick foam and waterfall front, and a multifunctional seat control.
- Rugged UUC ergonomic chairs feature a self-skinned urethane seat and backrest and a cast aluminum base. Designed to keep users alert, they stand up to damage from water, chemicals, paint, and more.
- UUT urethane stools have a tubular steel base and the same tough properties as UU-series chairs.
- AJ stools feature 18-gauge steel construction for worry-free reliability in a variety of applications.
- The patented 10-seat oval table improves user interaction and reduces noise. It easily folds, rolls, and stores, and is available in ADA-compliant configurations.
- BioFit book trucks feature steel construction and are ideal for transporting books, electronic media and more.

All products used in this project are backed by 13-year warranties. To learn more about how BioFit ergonomic seating, tables and specialty products are solving challenges across a range of industries worldwide, log on to biofit.com or call 800.597.0246.

