

## 2010 Guidelines for Construction Zone submissions

Construction Zone is a regular department in *American School & University* that highlights a variety of school and university construction projects, including new construction, upgrades/retrofits, green/sustainable designs, cafeterias/food-service facilities and performance spaces. Please see the list below for a list of the topics for 2009. These news items are accompanied by an image of the project.

When submitting a project for the Construction Zone department, please include the following:

-A **250- to 300-word description of the project**, including the estimated or actual date of completion, architect, project name, city and state, and other related information (square footage, materials used in construction, unique aspects of the project, etc.). Because of space limitations, only the name of the architect will be printed. Other project contributors can be included upon request. The submission should not include quotes from the architect, but can include quotes from school officials.

-An **image of the school**. Images can be sent via e-mail or on CD. They should be in a .tif, .eps or .jpg format and should be in color and high resolution (300 dpi for a 4-inch by 5-inch format or larger). Please make sure the photos are labeled with any descriptive material, such as the name of the school, as well as any photographer credit. The architect typically is not credited if it supplies the photo.

-Please make sure the project was completed within the last year. Works in progress are acceptable, but please include an estimated completion date.

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### 2010 Topics

**January:** Outlook 2010

**February:** Recreation/Physical-Education

**March:** Renovations/Additions

**April:** Community/Joint-Use Facilities

**May:** Music/Performing-Arts Facilities

**June:** New Construction

**September:** Green/Sustainable Design

**October:** Health/Science Facilities

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<p><b>Arts education</b></p> <p>The four-story, 49,000-square-foot Humanities &amp; Technology Building at Palm Beach Community College, Boca Raton, Fla., creates a gateway to campus. Sweeping, curved panels highlight the building entrance; monolithic walls are punctuated with whimsical blocks of color; and the two stair towers are expressed either through an exposed arrangement or behind a glass curtainwall. Creative ceiling treatments and an infusion of natural light enhance interior spaces.</p> <p>The building includes state-of-the-art technology in multidimensional classrooms, studios and labs, as well as theater and music appreciation, plus two Socratic teaching classrooms, computer labs and display areas.</p> <p>A circular garden acts as the link between the existing campus and the new humanities building, which has a radial plaza emanating from the center. This outdoor plaza serves as a living classroom and gallery for student lectures and projects.</p> <p>The architect is 5TH Architectural Group, Inc. (West Palm Beach, Fla.)</p>	 <p><b>Sierra Canyon School, Science and Humanities Classroom Building, Chatsworth, Calif.</b> (Photo courtesy of City/USA Studio)</p> <p><b>Academic village</b></p> <p>The Science and Humanities Classroom Building at Sierra Canyon School, Chatsworth, Calif., has been completed. Construction on the first phase of this five-acre master plan began in August 2006. Once completed, the project will be the first non-sectarian independent school for seventh through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the San Fernando Valley in 50 years. In addition to the classroom building, the master plan calls for an athletics complex, performing-arts center, administration building and dining commons.</p> <p>The three-story, 53,000-square-foot classroom building contains a variety of academic spaces, including 23 classrooms—each designed to serve 20 students; a student-life center; a 20,000-volume library space; fine-arts studios; a dance studio; photo lab with darkroom; and an 11,000-square-foot science wing with a lecture hall and six college-level working labs. The dramatic, curving facade of the building follows the line of the street, forming a protective perimeter for the interior plaza, and shielding the campus from traffic noise.</p> <p>The building integrates environmentally sensitive components and building features. South-facing elevations are shaded with a continuous perforated aluminum sunscreen, and the majority of classrooms are accessed via exterior corridors. All windows feature 1-inch-thick, insulating, dual-pane glass and have operable panels. Fluorescent lighting is governed by motion sensors that turn lights off when rooms are not in use.</p> <p>The architect is Parallax Associates, Inc. (Culver City, Calif.)</p>
 <p><b>Palm Beach Community College, Humanities &amp; Technology Building, Boca Raton, Fla.</b> (Photo courtesy of New York Focus LLC)</p>	<p><b>Start:</b> August 2006 <b>Completion:</b> September 2008 <b>Project area:</b> 53,000 sq. ft. <b>Cost:</b> \$23.5 million</p>
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