Evansville-Vanderburgh Schools
Mohawk’s QuickShip Program Delivers

Evansville-Vanderburgh Schools, the second largest school system in Indiana, has plenty of students—22,000 of them—and plenty of spaces with varying flooring needs. But, like all school districts, it is always short on time and money.

“We have 5 million square feet of building,” said Pat Tuley, CFO. “We have a lot of needs in terms of carpeting and flooring, and we know, since we’re not going to have money to replace carpet every 10 or 12 years, that we have to have a product that lasts.”

So durability was a factor, as was price, in a recent renovation. Evansville-Vanderburgh also needed a product that it could get quickly; installation had to be completed over the summer before students returned in fall 2015.

That’s why when the district began thinking of renovating the flooring in three schools, Mohawk Flooring representative Neil Bogenschutz suggested looking at the selections available through Mohawk’s QuickShip program. With QuickShip, Evansville-Vanderburgh had instant access to hundreds of ready-to-order products that address even the tightest project schedule. All selections were available to ship within 10 business days, but many were in stock and ready to ship immediately.

“Mohawk’s turnaround time on this was unbelievable, and the QuickShip product offering is amazing,” Tuley said. “It allowed us to get a product installed in a short period of time.”

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Tuley also was impressed with the broad selection of soft surface and hard surface products available in QuickShip. “We were able to give our principals multiple colors to choose from in both hard surface and soft surface. I was pleasantly surprised at the choices we had. I figured with a QuickShip item we would be limited in color and style, but we did not find that to be the case. We found it to be just the opposite.”

The schools selected two QuickShip products: Get Smart carpet tile and Select Step LVT plank. For office and administration areas in Reitz High School and Harwood School, the schools chose Get Smart’s Kinesthetic carpet tile pattern in Cocoa. Get Smart Kinesthetic in Peacock and Select Step Stone plank in Bronze Kona were selected for a classroom in the Tekoppel Elementary School.

All of these products perform well in demanding environments and will be easy to maintain by the custodial staffs. Each Select Step plank features an enhanced urethane finish and heavy commercial wear layer so it does not require the use of acrylic polishes (a time and money saver); spills can be quickly and easily cleaned up.

Get Smart is manufactured with Duracolor premium nylon and EcoFlex NXT backing. EcoFlex NXT carpet tile backing is impervious to moisture damage from spills and water extraction cleaning, and when EcoFlex NXT backing is installed using FlexLok tabs, it is able to be used in high moisture conditions up to 99% RH. When an attached cushion is added to EcoFlex NXT, this flooring choice offers a 40% reduction in sound transmission over standard carpet. Students are better able to concentrate and learn better in quieter classrooms.

With enhanced performance and stain-resistance features, Duracolor carpet tiles boast a long life cycle, which reduces the need for costly replacements. Another budget-saving benefit: damaged carpet tiles can be replaced on a tile-by-tile basis.

Fast delivery through QuickShip, easy installation and quality, high-performance products on a modest budget. What more could you ask for? How about inspiration and safety?

Educators know that the physical learning environment plays a key role in students’ academic success. It can spark creativity, foster collaboration and promote well-being. Get Smart’s engaging Kinesthetic pattern of modern cross-hatching brings an energizing look to the schools.

The use of Get Smart also is creating a healthier environment for Evansville-Vanderburgh students. Like all of Mohawk’s soft surface products, Get Smart includes a Declare label, which details the material ingredients of the product and its recyclability. It is CRI Green Label Plus Certified and red list free, which means it contains no chemicals that are harmful to living creatures or the environment.

Evansville-Vanderburgh Schools will enjoy their new sustainable and beautiful Mohawk flooring for years to come—that gets high marks in anyone’s books.