

Education

J.L. Richards recognizes the diversity of needs across various levels of education. This diversity necessitates a custom approach to the design of spaces to facilitate experiential and collaborative classroom methodologies. This is the foundation of J.L. Richards' educational design philosophy.

As a 100% employee-owned Canadian firm, J.L. Richards offers a full spectrum of multidisciplinary architectural and engineering services through all phases of project delivery under our dedicated Buildings market. The firm is a Platinum member of Canada's Best Managed Companies. No matter the size of the project, J.L. Richards has the experience, approach, and structure necessary to realize a client's goals and objectives for all project sizes.



Guidelines & Regulations

J.L. Richards is familiar with the guidelines set out by the Ministry of Education and the document, *From Concept to Classroom – Leading Practices Manual for School Construction in Ontario*. We have used this document and successfully negotiated the approvals process for the design and construction of several new school projects across Ontario.

Standing Offer Agreements

J.L. Richards has successfully managed over 750 standing offer and vendor of record agreements for educational institutions throughout Ontario. Our methodology includes careful listening, clear communication, and precise phasing. Our continued client satisfaction is rooted in J.L. Richards' ability to manage schedules and budgets. We strive to deliver quality, customized solutions to each assignment.

Sustainable Design Principles

Our team has extensive experience working with clients to help them understand their options, limitations, and values for sustainable design. J.L. Richards will consider the building's orientation, the building envelope, and options for active and passive technologies in the earliest design stages when these decisions have the most significant impact. At J.L. Richards, we commit ourselves to providing our clients with all the information to make informed decisions throughout their projects.

Services

In the past decade, J.L. Richards has designed a number of educational and training facilities across Ontario. We have worked closely with school boards, universities, colleges, and other institutions which require both rigorous financial reporting and strict adherence to ministry and educational guidelines. Due to our experience in the educational sector and our in-depth understanding of the unique needs of educational projects, our team has delivered a variety of projects that have exceeded our clients' expectations while prioritizing the health, safety, and accessibility of building users.

J.L. Richards has completed various scopes of work, from minor interior retrofits to large-scale additions, renovations, and new schools and facilities. Our retrofit services include the following:

- Master planning and feasibility studies
- New buildings
- Additions and renovations
- Structural, mechanical, and electrical system upgrades
- Interior finish upgrades
- Building envelope upgrades
- Window and roof replacements
- Building condition assessments
- Ventilation studies
- Energy studies
- Structural assessments
- Funding applications
- Site plans and stormwater management
- Accessibility upgrades
- Facade and brick restorations

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Architecture
Civil Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Energy Systems Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Planning
Project Management
Structural Engineering

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