

Collaboration between:

AIA MN, Architecture in the Schools Committee &
Perpich Center for Arts Education

Perpich Center for Arts Education (PCAE), located in Golden Valley, is a statewide innovative public education centered in the arts. AIA MN and The Architecture in the Schools (AIS) Committee have collaborated with PCAE for the second year on a nine week introduction to Architecture session. This year the program was named Point Five Architecture and consisted of 10-15 high school aged students.

The sessions involve various lessons and exercises leading up to a final project. The program kicked-off with a tour of the Guthrie, where students learned about what architecture is and discussed concepts such as repetition and function. Topics such as drawing, scale, proportion, rhythm and sequence prepared them for the final project; which was to create their own studio space based around their discipline. After the projects were completed, volunteers returned to Perpich to listen to the students present their work and provide a critique session.

The collaboration between PCAE and AIA MN continues to strengthen and improve every year. The opportunity to help students gain knowledge of Architecture over the course of this program is so rewarding to the AIS Committee.

Below are some of the student reflections regarding the 2010/2011 Point Five Architecture sessions:

- *My understanding of space has changed by showing me the many different ways one same space can be used. And with one little or big change to a familiar space can affect those around it.*
- *As we looked at architecture and different aspects of design I began to understand the way that the different cultures around the world display their foundations and beliefs through their architecture.*
- *I learned how to fill a space that is a certain size and to consider all factors including air, lighting, or even electrical outlets.*