

Case Study: Foss Swim School



PROJECT DETAILS

Locations:

- Blaine, MN
- Richfield, MN
- Highland Park, IL
- Ankeny, IA
- Sun Prairie, WI

Cubicles:

Evolve Cubicles, Standard Height
(Brushed Aluminum 0328 FH)



The original HDPE partitions (pictured) required additional hardware to achieve the desired privacy. Evolve achieved the desired panel size without added brackets and its soft-close doors eliminated previous issues with loud hinges.

Evolve Claims its Lane

Across the upper Midwest, Foss Swim School operates 21 facilities that accommodate a wide range of students and their families. In the changing rooms and restrooms in particular, moisture and periods of heavy traffic put a stress test on cubicle durability and performance.

At five of the swim academy's locations, the need for resilience and elevated privacy prompted a search for a new cubicle product. Working closely with Schu Marketing, an authorized Bobrick architectural sales representative, the swim academy recently placed Bobrick's new Evolve Cubicles at the center of several changing room and restroom renovations.

YOU CAN'T HIDE AN INFERIOR SOLUTION

In its changing rooms and restrooms at five locations across Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin, Foss Swim Schools had previously installed partitions from a high-density polyethylene (HDPE) toilet partition manufacturer.

The product didn't meet the academy's standards for design and service. The partitions' continuous hinges would make loud noises upon closing, interfering with the academy's goal of providing a pleasant experience for children and their families. The changing room compartments, in particular, required spacious family layouts to accommodate both a child and caregiver. However, the manufacturer's product could only achieve the desired cubicle depth and extended privacy by using dowels and brackets to achieve the preferred door and panel height.



Evolve delivered the resilience Foss Swim Schools needed, thanks to its durable, moisture-resistant CGL material and fully anodized aluminum framing system.

AN INTEGRATED, SPACIOUS SOLUTION

For a robust privacy solution that met the demands required of its high-moisture, family-friendly changing rooms and restrooms, Foss Swim Schools turned to Bobrick and Schu Marketing for a series of new Evolve Cubicle installations.

Evolve achieved fully integrated privacy without the need for additional brackets or privacy “add-ons” commonly found with competitive products. Its 72"-tall doors and panels with 9" floor clearance came standard. Evolve’s standard privacy offering was bolstered by occupancy indicator latches, as well as its spring-loaded, height-adjustable pedestal, which actuates a soft-close door. This helped eliminate the noisy hinge issue on the previously installed product.

The cubicles’ FUNDERMAX® Compact Grade Laminate (CGL) in a Brushed Aluminum finish allowed for extra-wide divider panels, which helped create the roomier compartments that families needed to help their children comfortably change. In fact, at some locations, compartments were spacious enough to include baby changing stations from Koala Kare Products.

Since the CGL material performs exceptionally well in wet environments that experience heavy traffic, Evolve was a perfect fit for Foss Swim Schools. CGL also scores high for scratch, dent and graffiti resistance when subjected to industry-standard ASTM test protocols. Cubicle durability is reinforced by an overhead-braced, fully anodized aluminum framing system.

Two years after the series of renovations began, the new cubicles are performing exceptionally well.

“The client is extremely happy with the Evolve installations,” said Sarah Levens, CSI, and president of Schu Marketing. “They even used Evolve for some of its shower compartments. It’s a rugged, resilient product that meets their needs and has held up very well for them after two years and counting.”



MAXED OUT

For cubicles with added privacy and even shower compartments, Evolve Max cubicles feature 79 5/8"-tall doors, 80"-tall divider panels and 1" floor clearance — all while delivering the same durability benefits of standard Evolve.