

river building architecture tour

Explore the SANAA-designed River building with a Grace Farms Educator. This program will visit several locations throughout the River building that illustrate the intentional design architects, engineers, and designers used to create a public space communicating with nature.

Grace Farms is LEED-certified for its building design and construction as well as its operations and maintenance. Get a behind-the-scenes look at how the built and natural environment can work together.

This inquiry-based tour will allow participants to observe the River building and gain new insights into its creation.

curriculum standards

NGSS MS-ETS1-1, HS-ETS1-1, 2 & 3 | HIST 8.3 | CIV 8.4, 9-12.1 | ECO 8.6, 9-12.5-6 | GEO 8.4

Inspiration

Take a peek at how architecture at Grace Farms functions in the short video:

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SANAA, with principal architects **Kazuyo Sejima** and **Ryue Nishizawa**, were guided by a design brief to create Grace Farms. A design brief is a document that defines the detailed needs of a project, outlining how the building should function, not what it would look like.

Before your visit to Grace Farms, outline your own design brief!
Create a new building for your school.

Create a Design Brief

Before your visit to Grace Farms, outline your own design brief to imagine a new building for your school.

School name and location:	
What should the building do?	
What experience would the building create?	
How could your design create change for the better?	
What kind of ideas do you have about materials?	