

OLE! TEXAS

OUTDOOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Henderson Elementary Childcare Center
Midland, TX



The Henderson Elementary Childcare Center supports the Midland Independent School District's retention and recruitment efforts by providing high-quality childcare for their employees with small children. The center will serve up to 73 children including infants, toddlers, and pre-kindergarten. The OLE! Texas design workshop was

facilitated by the TTU Coalition for Natural Learning and attended by teachers, parents, maintenance personnel and other stakeholders. The existing outdoor space was already divided into two areas that were designed for different age groups. The existing trees provided significant shade and were preserved. Both

areas include looping, curvy pathways that helped organize the spaces and provided access to other play and learning settings. A dry creek bed and a rainwater collection cistern will provide exploration opportunities for children and help them learn about water and its importance in a semi-arid region.



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