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Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas Education Center

location: Livingston, TX

client: Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas

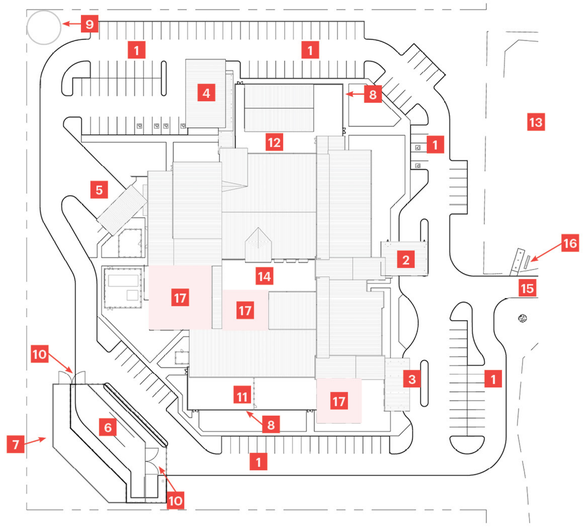
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description: The Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas (A-CTT) Education Center is a 54,129 sf steel framed building that contains four functions: Head Start School, Education Department, Youth Services Department, and the Tribal Library. The Head Start School is a licensed facility that will serve the Tribe's families as well as the surrounding community. The Education and Youth Services Departments provide a wide variety of services to the Tribal youth including tutoring, testing facilities, after school activities and summer enrichment programs. The Tribal Library is designed to be a social hub for the tribal community by providing quiet reading and storytelling spaces for elders as well as individual and group study spaces for the youth. In addition to housing the variety of services provided by these four entities, the Education Center also provides a Gym/Auditorium that will be a community activity space for meetings, presentations, banquets, and other social activities.





Education Center | Enlarged Site Plan



Site Plan Keynotes

1. Parking
2. Community Center Drop-off/Pick-up
3. Head Start Drop-off/Pick-up
4. Cafe'-Gym-Atorium Drop-off/Pick-up
5. Service Area with trash enclosure
6. Secure bus parking
7. 8'-0" high honed C.M.U. wall
8. 6'-0" high honed C.M.U wall
9. Water tank for fire sprinkler system
10. 24'-0" wide decorative vehicle gate
11. Head Start outside play area
12. Youth Services ouside play area
13. Existing ball field
14. Courtyard
15. Entry drive
16. Monument sign
17. Future expansion

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The building is organized into three parts based on program functions: Head Start, Education and Youth Services. Drop-off/Pick-up canopies are provided at the Head Start and Education entrances. Additionally, a drop-off/pick-up canopy is provided at the Cafe'-Gym-Atorium. Parking is provided around the site.

Education Center | Overall Floor Plan



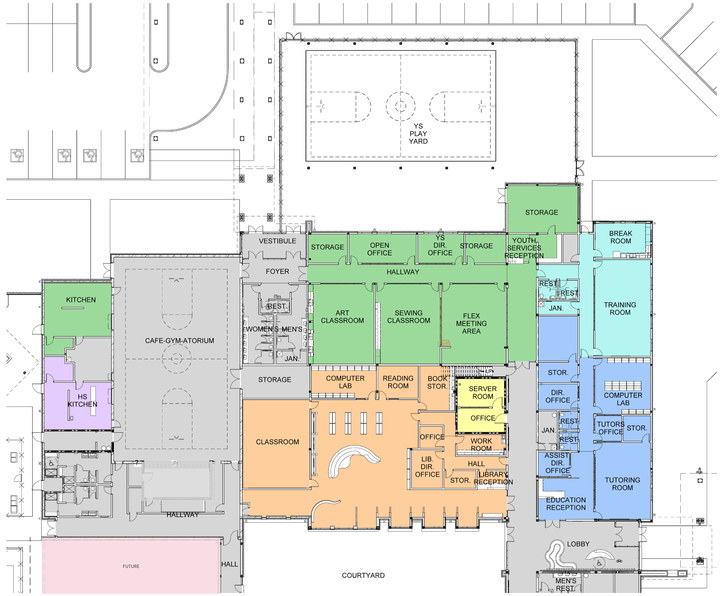
Legend

- Youth Services
- Education
- Future Classroom
- General Classroom
- Head Start
- Library
- Shared Space
- Shared Youth Services & Education
- Data Center

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The Head Start and Youth Services programs each have a play yard designed for the age group they serve. A central courtyard is provided with views from the library and education lobby. The building is designed to allow for 7 additional classrooms in the future. The Café-Gym-Atorium is designed so it can be used for after-hour events and has its own entry, drop-off/pick-up and foyer. This allows the rest of the building to be secured when events occur.

Education Center | Enlarged Floor Plan - Area A

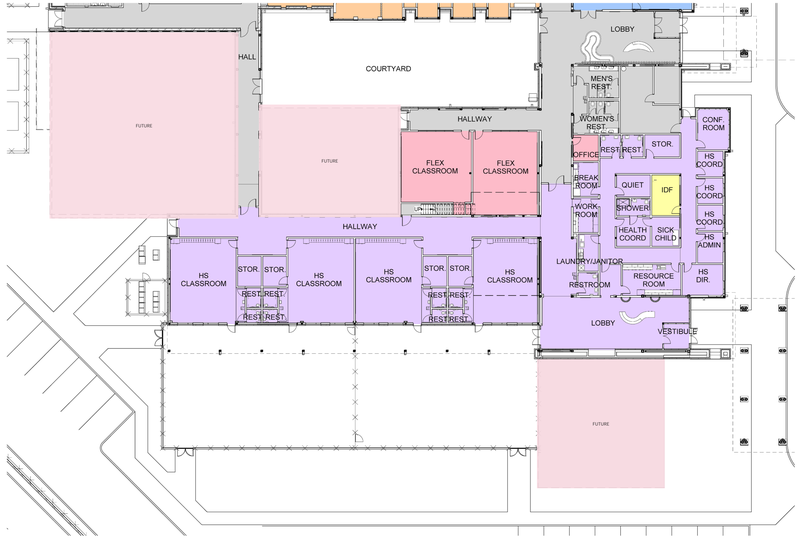


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- Youth Services
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Education Center | Enlarged Floor Plan - Area B



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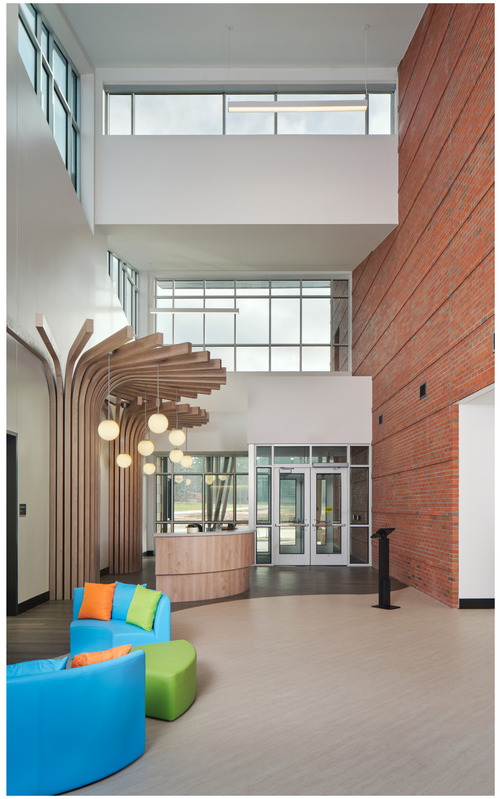
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The exterior color palette is inspired from the colors of the surrounding landscape and is comprised of warm earth tone colors. Brick is used creating a connectivity to the existing tribal buildings. Tribal art is another key inspiration for the exterior design, using “wood look” phenolic panels to create a basket weave pattern on the main entry façade. The entry canopies provide shelter for the pick-up/drop-off areas and the design is inspired by the surrounding dense tree canopies. Clerestory at the main entries and along the main corridor flood the building with natural light.







Upon entering the Head Start lobby, an overhead curved trellis, which was influenced by the nature surrounding the building, greets you as you enter the building. The library embodies a different atmosphere from the lobby, with a dark earth tone palette to create a more intimate setting while still calling back to nature. Individual pods lined near the entrance of the library are designed for privacy and collaboration.

The grass area adjacent to the Head Start entry is for a future classroom with a direct connection to the Head Start lobby. The project is nestled in a dense grouping of trees which provides a visual and sound barrier from the adjacent highway, but is open to the north which faces other tribal community buildings.







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Scope of Services Performed:
Architect of Record, Full Service Architectural and Interior Design, Programming/Planning, Conceptual Design, FF&E Selection, Permitting, Contract Administration

Project Delivery Method:
Design-Bid-Build

Construction Cost:
$21,300,000

Project Square Footage:
54,129 sq. ft.

Type of Structure:
New Ground Up

Design Duration:
Dec 2023 - Dec 2024

Completed:
May 2025