

**Hidalgo County Head Start Program  
Outdoor Learning Environments and Discovery Classrooms  
Facility Components**

Facility	Square Footage	Structure Type	Number	Where Located	Other
1. Large Pavilion	7,000 Sq. Ft. Accommodates 200 children with 35 sq ft per child Increase size to accommodate storage and restrooms	Metal-enclosed overhanging doors	1	Entrance of area	<b>Storage Space-</b> for equipment <b>Restrooms</b> Adults- 5 stalls for women and 5 for men <b>Projection Screen</b> <b>Retractable Stage</b>
2. Pavilion/Outdoor Classroom Spaces	770 sq. ft. each to accommodate 22 children in each 30 x 30 Lavatories	Metal roof, Stained natural wood posts, trim West side wall shade Stamped concrete floor-wild life patterns Ceiling/Cooling Fans	7	As Indicated preliminary site map	Electricity Lavatory Drinking water fountain Closet
3. Learning Walls	8' length x 8' width	Wood post bulletin board w/plexi cover Wooden Framed- with stamped/carved/burned nature patterns 12" from ground Benches/railroad ties-seats for children 12" metal roof	7	Between each pavilion/classroom On outside of larger trail	
4. Walking Trails	Width: 6'	Crushed granite Concrete boarder on either side-stamped? Lighted	2	Concentric Center of area	One around custom design play structures; One around pavilion/classrooms

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5. Instructional Play Area (Alternate)		Custom designed Animal Homes i.e., bird nest, hollow trunk, honey comb, beaver home, snail, home bird house, egg shell, rabbit hole, etc.	10 different structures	Center of area within first trail	Children should be able to climb in; with fall zones to Meet Child Care Licensing Standards
6. Rest Rooms		2 Buildings-air conditioned	Girls: 4 flushing units; 1 adult Boys: 2 urinals and 2 flushing units; 1 adult	One set of 10 on north side entrance; another on south side of facility	Meet Child Care Licensing Standards for at least 200 children-1 flushing unit per 17 children
7. Fencing		Privacy fence Plants – Bougainvilles	2 sides	West and north side	
8. Entrance Gate		Rod iron- "Majestic" gates with scrolls related to wildlife on cantera or stone columns			Small cascade on either side
9. Storage Areas	One unit 70' x 30' with 7 smaller closets/one per Pavilion/Classroom open to a hallway One open unit 20' x 30' with wide garage door and regular door	Climate controlled for smaller units	2 units	Next to or part of large pavilion in addition to the 7,000 sq. ft.	
10. Drinking Water Fountains Lavatories				At each small pavilion/classroom	

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11. Landscaping to reflect variety of local species; child friendly; to attract birds, butterflies and other small wildlife		Divided in sections 8'x8' to facilitate maintenance Remove brush in specific areas	Throughout facility	Entire area save identified trees/shrubs/plants	Areas with redundant shrubs, plants, trees to be replaced local species Use list from Edinburg/Weslaco parks
12. Irrigation/Sprinkler system		For specified areas, bird baths, drip fountains			
13. Utilities		All covered areas will need electricity, water		All Areas	
14. Water and feeding areas for birds, butterflies and wildlife		Slow drip fountain feeders – custom made or purchased	7	Throughout the facility	
15. Water fall with small pond 2 Small cascades on either side of entrance gate		Stone/Custom made reservoir	1 2	Entrance	
16. Observation areas with protective walls at feeding/ watering areas for bird/ butterfly/or wildlife watching		Outdoor benches, stools behind a wall with cut out observation window	7	Throughout the facility	

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