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Hutto 9th Grade Center:

The Hippos Get A New Start

When designing a state-of-the-art transitional learning center for young teens, the faculty of the Ninth Grade Center (NGC) of Hutto, Texas asked the MooreCo team for help. Dr. LaKesha Whitfield is the school's director. She says that this center for learning prioritizes collaboration among students and needs furniture that fosters group learning. That's where MooreCo's space planning team came in. Molly Cox and Kim Diaz are well acquainted with creating environments that foster collaboration. Hutto's 9th grade center is a modern space that will nurture its students with modern media centers, quiet spaces, a black box theatre, and a "neighborhood" of open learning space. The building feels like a hip workplace, balancing open space and natural light with functional work environments for students. Molly and Kim got to work by choosing pieces that are flexible enough to go from autonomous solo learning to collaborative configurations. For 9th grade students in a transitional period, this flexibility is the perfect accommodation to inspire independence and creativity.

Molly and Kim created extracurricular activity

spaces where students can flourish and create with pieces from the [Compass Collection](#). [Compass Makerspace Tables](#) with navy side panels and peg panels were used in the art and JROTC rooms to functionally store materials used for each session. The Life Skills room was created with balance in mind, providing both rest and recreation areas to counter work areas. The [Hierarchy Rocker Chair](#) in navy provides furniture with movement and is matched with the [Hierarchy Activity Kidney Table](#) in Gray Elm. For down time, the [Beanies Fava Lounge Chair](#) gives students a soft place to land, with materials easily stored nearby in the [Array Bookshelf](#) in Gray Mesh. [Soft Seating Loveseats](#) in Madras and Sketch Indigo fabrics create soft seats for reading or lectures, with [Hierarchy tables](#) bringing focus back to the room in Gray Elm laminate with platinum edgeband.

Dr. Whitfield emphasized the importance of the NGC's Media Center, a hybrid between a library and a contemporary open workspace. [Schoolworks](#) and [Array](#) bookshelves were used to create dimension and add space for book storage, while the [Brawny Tables](#) nearby provide areas for study. The educator

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or librarian's space is complete with MooreCo's ergonomic [Avid Modular Desk](#), paired with a black mesh armless teacher chair. To create flexible workspace, soft seating areas are used throughout the room to counter durable tables. [Stools, benches, and ottomans](#) provide areas for sitting, with [armed lounge chairs](#) providing proper relaxation areas.

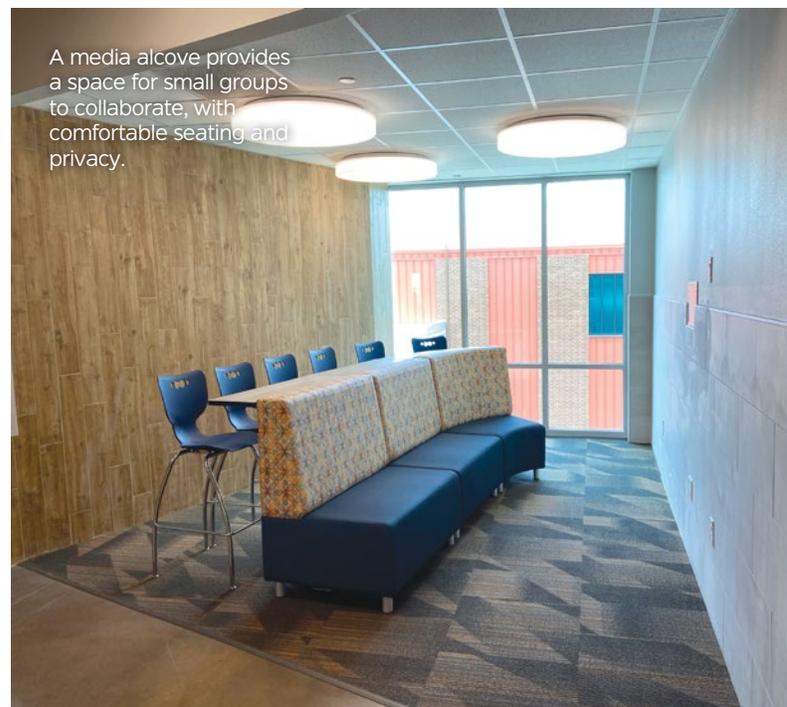
The "neighborhood" is another commons area at NGC, with large window panels that create enclosed mini classrooms within an open space. Molly and Kim used square [Hierarchy Activity Tables](#) and [Hierarchy Creator Tables](#) with markerboard tops and platinum legs and edgebands for students to work. The mobile [Frequency X-Base Table](#) with casters in Gray Elm allows for group work and can be easily moved to another space in the neighborhood. Keeping with the theme of flexibility, the team provided cozy lounge chairs and the [Elevate Steps Tiered Soft Seating](#), as well as the [Elevate Wind Sofa and Corner Lounge Chair](#) for relaxation and socializing. The [Orbit Loveseat](#) is ideal for lectures and presentations for Hutto's gifted 9th graders. Because no collaboration space is complete without visual communication tools, Molly and Kim added the [Visionary® Magnetic Glass Board](#) in white for students to jot down ideas and brainstorm.

The cafeteria is the dining room of any educational or work environment. It's where communities of students come together to relax, eat, and make friends. Cafeterias need to be designed with

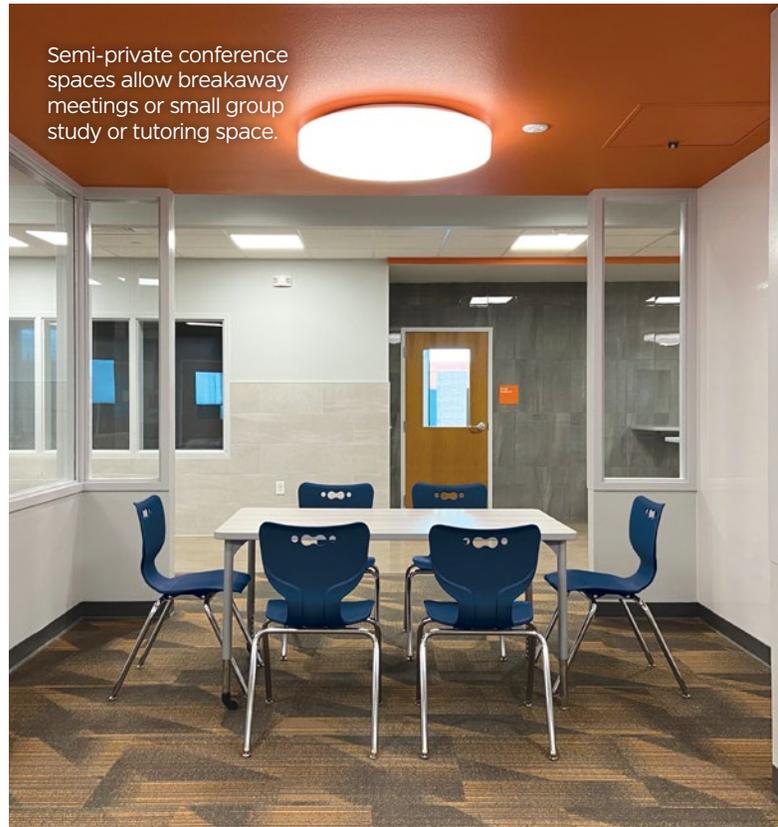
thoughts of comfort and consideration. MooreCo's space planning team created an open feel that will encourage students of NGC to come together and recharge. Custom round cafe pedestal tables create bistro-style dining areas. Molly and Kim added the [Cocoon Community Table](#) and [Frequency X-Base Table](#) with casters to provide structure for sitting, while the [Orbit Loveseat](#) and armless [Soft Seating Sofa](#) give students soft places to reflect. [Hierarchy 4-leg Stools](#) and [Hierarchy Cantilever Chairs](#) in navy are placed throughout the cafeteria for ergonomic and supportive seating while eating or studying.

Hutto's new 9th Grade Center shows amazing promise, with caring faculty, amazing open facilities, and furniture that was designed to facilitate collaboration. Congratulations to all involved in making this great learning space come together! The faculty knew who to call on to create great classroom environments for adolescents to thrive. MooreCo's space planning team used their knowledge of the importance of balanced environments for optimal well-being and learning, while MooreCo products will be used for years to come to help students grow and learn. Here, they will prepare for secondary and higher education, and eventually, the workforce. Good luck to the students of NGC and their caring teachers! They have bright futures ahead. ■

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Semi-private conference spaces allow breakaway meetings or small group study or tutoring space.



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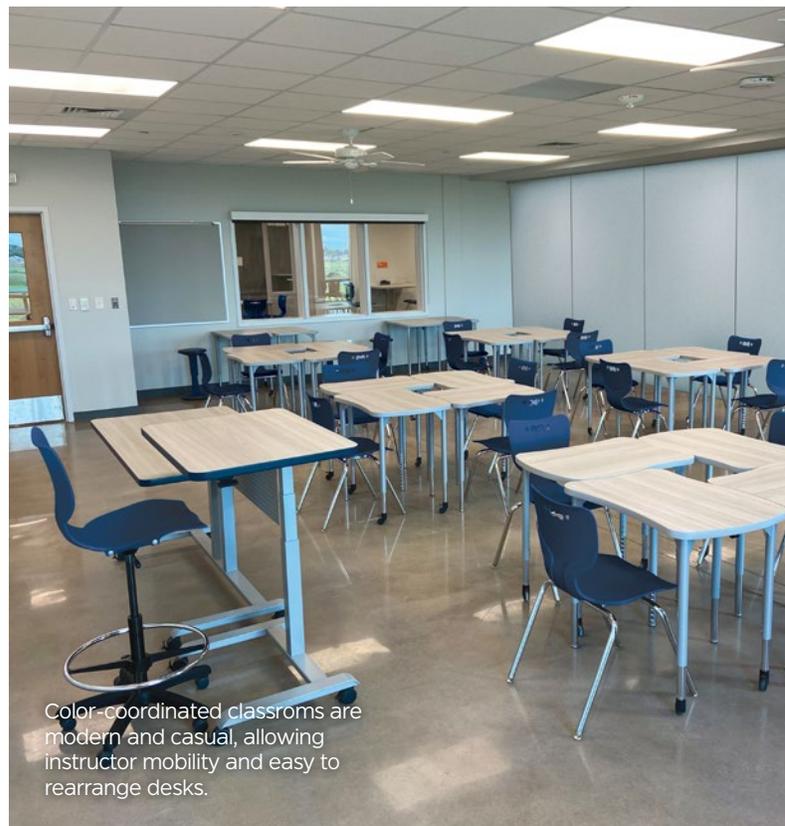


Small groups of soft seating add comfort to a waiting area and allow quiet socialization.

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Administrative areas with privacy panels allow communication and collaboration.



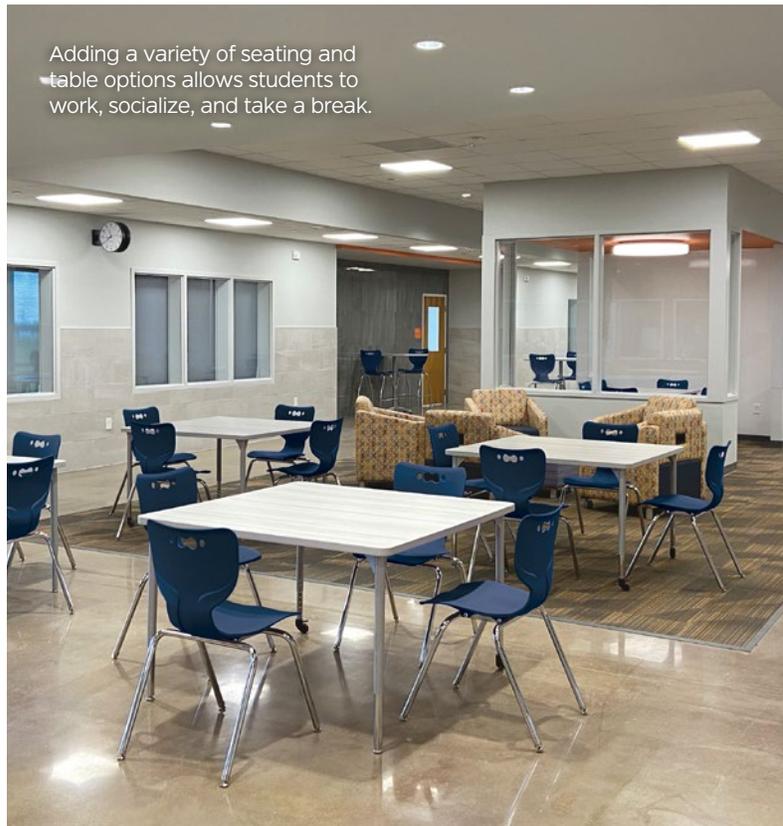
Color-coordinated classrooms are modern and casual, allowing instructor mobility and easy to rearrange desks.

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Common areas are designed to be comfortable, casual, and provide students a relaxing place to congregate.



Adding a variety of seating and table options allows students to work, socialize, and take a break.

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