



# Midwest City Elementary and Soldier Creek Elementary

Midwest City, OK

## New Construction/ Addition

Entire school/campus building

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### DESIGN TEAM

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### OWNER/CLIENT

Mid-Del Public Schools  
Midwest City, OK  
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### KEY STATS

Grades Served: Pre-K-5  
Capacity: 900 students per site  
Size of Site: 14 and 10.3 acres  
Building Area: 110,658 sq. ft.  
Space per Student: 123 sq. ft.  
Cost per Student: \$21,870  
Square Foot Cost: \$178  
Construction Cost: \$39,364,493 (both schools)  
Project Cost: \$42,880,764  
Completion Date: August 2014

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Two new, identical schools were designed to replace four aging, inefficient schools. The new schools were built on the existing playgrounds of the existing schools; then, the old schools were vacated and demolished. Existing site constraints dictated much of the new plan organization. Site amenities include separate drop-off lanes for buses, Pre-K/K parents, and grades 1-5 parents; a sepa-



rate Pre-K/K playground; and a flag football field area.

Each building accommodates 900 students: grades Pre-K-2 occupy the ground floor under the leadership of one principal, while grades 3-5 reside on the upper floor under the leadership of another principal. Grade levels are organized in six-classroom pods, each with a commons area. First floor music rooms are designed as storm shelters.

Words used to express the owner's dreams for the new

schools included traditional, fun and Oklahoma-themed. Using the state song—"Oklahoma!"—for inspiration, the building includes references to fields of wheat (terrazzo tile floor patterns), wind and rain (mobiles) and hawks (graphic acoustical panels). A round, red barn is visible from the front entry. Animal shapes from various state ecoregions (tall grass prairie, Great Plains, cross timbers and swamps) are located in each grade pod, and are unique to each school.

