

REED
ELEMENTARY
CEDAR PARK, TEXAS

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“ Schoolrooms are no longer organized for mono-functional use; they provide space for differentiation of learning. Spaces are alterable and can be quickly adapted for use by different groups with the aid of functional and easy-to-manage furniture. The classroom loses its teacher-oriented, one-point perspective and takes on the characteristics of a workshop.” ”

- Barbara Coleman, Director Materials Management, Leander ISD



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PROJECT

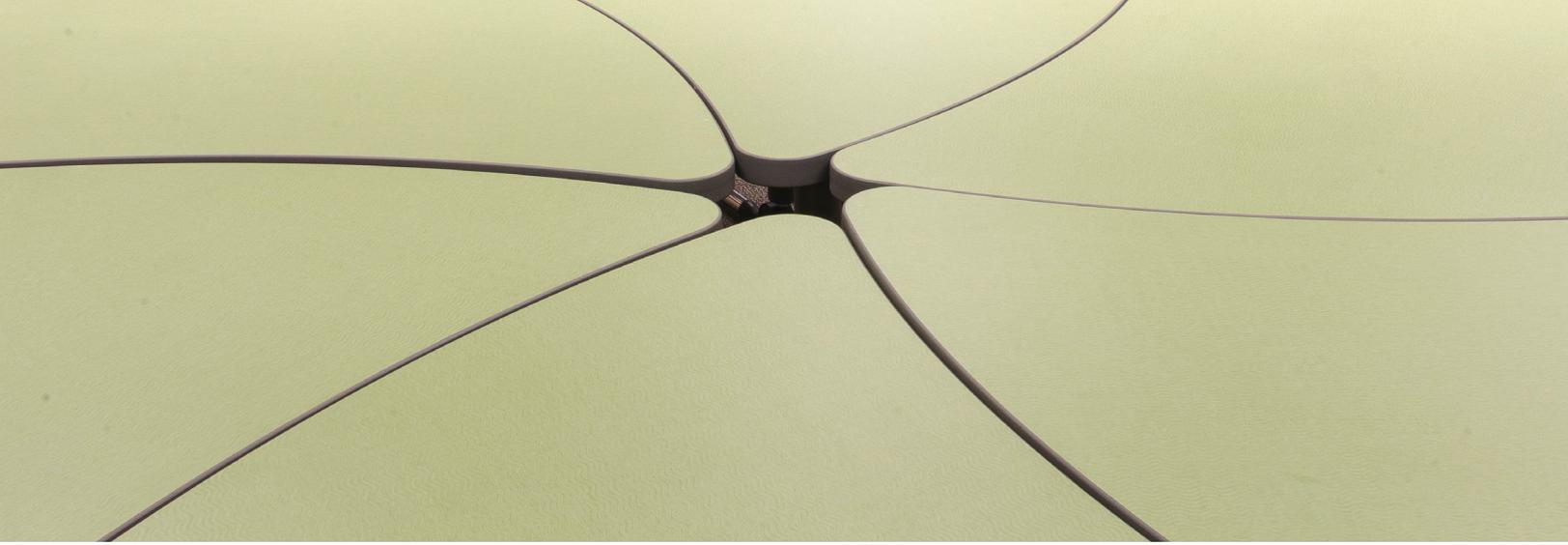
Leander ISD wanted to update the classroom furniture at Reed Elementary to support a modern-day learning environment. Before the furniture was selected the Materials Management Department conducted a review that gathered input from the teachers, administrators, students and support staff. It was important to gather input from a variety of participants that represented newer and older campus designs.

DESIGN INTENT

The School was designed with bright hallways and classrooms that opened up to neighborhoods. Students are allowed to choose if they would like to learn or do group activities in the classroom or out in the neighborhood. The flexible space and easy-to-manage furniture can quickly be reconfigured for use by different groups. The classroom dynamic no longer represents a teacher-oriented, one point perspective but is conducted like a workshop.

SOLUTION

The most impactful of the changes was replacing the traditional open front desk with the Discover Shape Tables allowing for classroom mobility and a multifunctional space. Bright color was added to the table tops and chairs helping to make the room more interesting and alive. The neighborhoods were outfitted with Discover Shape Tables on casters for mobility and reconfiguration.



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Kids today learn everywhere.
We encourage letting students choose
how they learn, and teach them to self manage so
they are ready for what's next.

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- Lisa Gibbs, Principal, Reed Elementary



PRODUCTS

- + Alphabet Cantilever Chair
- + Shape Tables: Nebula, Expanse, 3P-120
- + Shape Desks: Aperture, Expanse