

# OUTDOOR LEARNING AREAS

## DESIGN ELEMENTS

**a.** *Forest Learning Space*



Forest learning space with crushed granular surfacing, interpretive signage, and tables for learning that requires a work surface.

**b.** *Stage Space*



Outdoor learning area with small wooden stage and log or bench seating.

**c.** *Covered Learning Space*

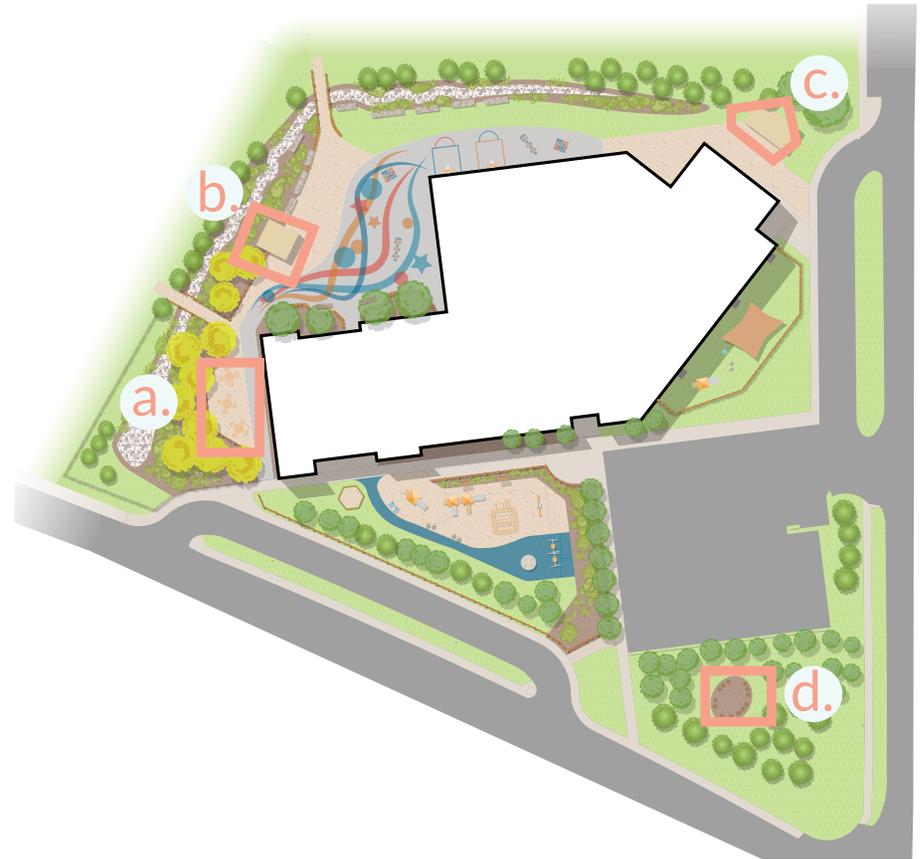


Pergola or gazebo structure large enough to cover required seating for class size. Can be used for instruction, by older students for socializing, and by weekend visitors.

**d.** *Truth + Reconciliation Gathering Space*



This area is surrounded by established trees, and will make an ideal area for a student-designed outdoor classroom. Students can design the orientation of seating, the types of seats, and what additional equipment or structures they would like.



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## GENERAL CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

### A. Site Preparation:

- i. Clear the designated area, removing any existing structures, debris, or vegetation that may impede construction.
- ii. Grade and level the site to ensure a stable and accessible foundation for the outdoor classroom structures.

### B. Construction of Structures:

- i. Construct a covered pavilion or canopy structure to provide shade and shelter for students and teachers.
- ii. Build seating areas, such as benches, amphitheater-style steps, or log seating, to accommodate students during outdoor lessons.
- iii. Install a raised platform or stage for presentations, demonstrations, or performances.

### C. Landscaping and Site Enhancement:

- i. Integrate appropriate landscaping elements, such as trees, shrubs, and native plants, to enhance the aesthetics and environmental sustainability of the outdoor classroom.
- ii. Design and install pathways, paving, or stepping stones to facilitate movement and accessibility within the space.
- iii. Incorporate educational features, such as informational signage or learning stations, to engage students with the surrounding environment.

### D. Site Restoration:

- i. Clean up the construction site, removing any excess materials, debris, or construction equipment upon completion of the project.
- ii. Restore the surrounding areas, including sidewalks, curbs, and landscape features, to their original condition or as specified in the project plans.
- iii. Conduct a final inspection to ensure compliance with project specifications, safety standards, and accessibility requirements.

NOTE: This overview is for information purposes only. The actual construction scope will be determined during the detailed design phase and may differ from this overview.