

# McKinney Aquatics Center

McKinney, Texas



The trustees of McKinney hired an engineering firm and began to transfer thoughts and dreams onto paper. The \$38 million, 80,000-square foot facility, which rests at the intersection of Eldorado and Alma, hosts a gymnasium, sports court, elevated track, child care, classrooms, locker rooms, and the namesake 10,000-square foot pool. Following several years of planning and strategizing, the vision became a reality, and the project is expected to be self-supporting in three years.

As the new Apex Centre is expected to be a cornerstone in the McKinney community, it was paramount to build the facility in a sustainable manner to ensure it would benefit both current and future generations. Hot-dip galvanizing was specified for its long lasting,



maintenance-free corrosion protection as well as for aesthetics – as the zinc coating would offer decades of consistent, rust free appearance compared to paints that would fade and deteriorate. As the backbone of the Apex Centre, hot-dip galvanized steel will protect the heart of the McKinney community for many decades to come. ■

Approximately 32 miles Northeast of Dallas, sits a community nestled between Frisco and Allen called McKinney. A town settled by pioneers in 1841, boasts a population of 161,905 living in a close-knit community chosen by *Money Magazine* in 2014, as the best place to live in the country. Often idolized for their vision and prosperity, McKinney is a place locals have grown through determination and vision.

The heart of McKinney revolves around its many, quality family events, schools, and churches. Local officials saw a need for a central location for families to escape the confines of home, safe from the sweltering heat of long Texas summers. Looking to make this vision a reality for its citizens, the McKinney Aquatics Center was born.



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