



Akins High School 2022 Bond FAQs

1. What projects will Akins High School receive as part of the 2022 Bond?

Akins High School will receive comprehensive improvements through the 2022 Bond, including improvements to Career and Technical Education (CTE), a school mental health center, and athletic field upgrades. The school will also receive improvements to heating, air conditioning, electrical, and plumbing systems, as well as security upgrades such as a secure entry vestibule and site security fencing, CTE improvements such as a new modular building housing Vet Tech and Floral.

2. How much will this project cost?

The total project budget for Akins is estimated to be \$17,904,000, as referenced in the Bond Book. This includes the budget for construction, as well as associated fees for services and materials. The final cost may vary due to fluctuating prices of goods and services.

3. What is the project timeline? When will it be open to students?

The design process for Akins High School began in Spring 2024, with construction beginning Spring 2025. The modernized spaces are expected to open between Spring and Fall of 2026.

4. What is a comprehensive project?

A project that includes significant space improvements for programming and/or services offered at a campus or facility that is not an Open Concept or Full Modernization project.

5. Which spaces will be renovated as part of the comprehensive project?

The project will include CTE improvements, a school mental health center, a secure entry vestibule, a new modular building for CTE improvements, and upgrades to athletic fields. Any additional space improvements will be determined using the available budget and input from the Campus Architectural Team, which consists of Akins staff, parents, and community members, to ensure the project best fits the school's needs.

6. How will construction impact students and teachers? Will they have to relocate to portables or another location during construction?

Our top priority is the safety of our students, staff, and community members during construction. Currently, we do not anticipate the need to temporarily relocate or "swing" any activities or programs during construction of the CTE and interior spaces. However, it is possible that some outdoor athletics activities will

need to be relocated during construction of the field upgrades. We will continue to assess this need as planning progresses and keep the campus community informed.

7. How will construction impact neighbors who live near the school?

Neighbors in the immediate area surrounding the school will be notified before the start of construction and will be made aware of any major changes during construction. While every project is different, activities to expect include; temporary fencing installed around the active construction site, trucks entering and exiting the primary construction area; neighbors may hear backup alarms while equipment and trucks are on site. There will also be hammering, drilling, and other noises from general construction equipment.

8. What steps are being taken to keep students safe during construction?

All contractors and vendors who work on an Austin ISD campus will have gone through a full background check. Any areas of the campus that are under construction will either be fenced or have temporary walls to prevent students from entering active construction areas. The project team coordinates with campus leadership to minimize disruptions to the learning environment.

9. What happens to the contents of a building that is being renovated?

Austin ISD is committed to sustainability and recycles or re-purposes as much as possible from buildings that are being modernized or remodeled.

10. How do I get involved with the project and provide input?

A Campus Architectural Team (CAT) has been formed to provide input on the project. CAT meetings are open to the public, and public comment will be allowed at the start of each meeting. There will also be public community meetings over the course of the project for families, staff, and community members to get an update on progress and provide input. Those meeting dates and times will be published at AustinISD.org and AISDFuture.com once confirmed.

11. Who can I contact with questions or feedback?

For additional information on the 2022 Bond, please contact the district using the [Comment Form](#).