



## Austin High School 2022 Bond FAQs

### **1. What projects will Austin High School receive as part of the 2022 Bond?**

Austin High School will receive the second phase of 3-4 phases of modernization as part of the 2022 Bond, which will include a secure entry vestibule and improvements to campus systems including HVAC, electrical, roofing, and plumbing repairs, as well as athletic field upgrades and fine arts improvements.

### **2. How much will this project cost?**

The total project budget for Austin is estimated to be \$41,922,000, 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 Austin's modernization will begin in fall 2024 and construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2025. The modernization is expected to open to students in spring 2027.

### **4. What is a phased modernization project?**

A phased modernization is part of a full modernization plan (to address building deficiencies, educational suitability, capacity, etc.) that is in line with the Educational Specifications and Project Development Manual. Future phases to complete the fully modernized vision will be included in future bond programs.

### **5. Which spaces will be renovated as part of the phased project?**

As outlined in the [2022 Bond Book](#), Austin High will receive athletics field upgrades, including a new artificial turf field, updates to concessions and restrooms in the football / soccer and lights at baseball and softball areas. Campus and building improvements will be made in administrative and fine arts instruction areas.

### **6. When will additional spaces be modernized at Austin High School?**

The 2022 Bond will construct the second phased modernization out of 3-4 total phases. The subsequent phases of Austin's modernization will be contingent upon future bond planning and voter approval of future bond packages.

### **7. 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 and staff during construction. At this time, it is anticipated the only relocation necessary would be to support athletics

during construction activities for the outdoor field upgrades. We will ensure that the campus, families and community are informed of any changes.

**8. 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 general construction equipment noises.

**9. 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.

**10. What happens to the contents of a building that is being modernized?**

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

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

A Campus Architectural Team (CAT) will be 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](http://AustinISD.org) and [AISDFuture.com](http://AISDFuture.com) once they are confirmed.

**12. How will Austin students be involved in the design process?**

The Campus Architectural Team will include student representatives who will provide insight about Austin's needs and how the new campus can best serve the overall student population. There will be additional opportunities for student involvement throughout the project cycle.

**13. Who can I contact with questions or feedback?**

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