



## Bear Creek Elementary School 2022 Bond FAQs

### **1. What projects will Bear Creek Elementary School receive as part of the 2022 Bond?**

Bear Creek Elementary School will receive a comprehensive project through the 2022 Bond, which will include an additional learning space that will increase campus capacity. This school was built during the 2017 Bond program and opened to students for the 2020 school year.

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

The total project budget for Bear Creek is \$14,458,000. This includes the budget for construction, as well as associated fees for services and materials.

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

The design process for Bear Creek's modernization is anticipated to begin in 2025 with construction anticipated to start in spring of 2026. The new learning space addition is currently scheduled to open to students in spring 2027.

### **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 comprehensive modernization will include an extension of the learning neighborhood to provide increased capacity with the addition of studios, art, music and a maker space.

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

The safety of our students and staff during construction is our top priority. Students and staff will be able to stay in the existing building during construction of the classroom addition. Austin ISD will work closely with campus staff throughout the entire construction process to ensure minimal disruption to the school day.

### **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 general construction equipment noises.

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

There will be an opportunity for Bear Creek teachers and staff to provide feedback to the architect on the layout of the extension and other design features. Additionally, a community meeting will be held during the process to share the design and timeline for the completion of the extension with Bear Creek families, staff and community. Meeting dates and times will be published at [AustinISD.org](http://AustinISD.org) and [AISDFuture.com](http://AISDFuture.com) once they are confirmed.

**10. 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](#).