



Dobie Middle School 2022 Bond FAQs

1. What projects will Dobie Middle School receive as part of the 2022 Bond?

Dobie Middle School will receive the first phase of 2-3 phases of modernization through the 2022 Bond, which will include secure entry vestibule, infrastructure improvements such as HVAC, building-wide fire alarm upgrade, electrical, roofing and plumbing improvements, as well as other technology improvements, and a new basketball court and tennis courts.

2. What is the total budgeted cost of this project in the Bond Program?

The total project budget for Dobie is estimated to be \$36,843,000, 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 Dobie's modernization began in fall 2023. Limited construction started over summer 2025 through fall 2025. The secure entry vestibule and new front entry will be completed May 2026. Basketball & tennis courts and exterior improvements are underway and are expected to be completed by the end of Summer 2026. The Empower Center, new elevator, and remaining work will be completed by March 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, and more 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](#), Dobie will receive a new secure entry vestibule and improvements to HVAC, electrical, building-wide fire alarm system upgrade, roofing and plumbing. Additionally, Dobie will receive an Empower Center, new basketball court, tennis courts, and improvements to the front entry and drive.

6. When will additional spaces be modernized at Dobie?

The 2022 Bond will construct the first phased modernization out of 2-3 total phases. The subsequent phases of Dobie'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?

The safety of our students and staff during construction is our top priority. Students will not need to relocate into portables and will stay in the building during construction.

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) 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 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 they are confirmed.

12. 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](#).