



## Harris Elementary School 2022 Bond FAQs

**1. What projects will Harris Elementary receive as part of the 2022 Bond?**

Harris Elementary will receive a full campus modernization located at the current school site. The modernized campus will feature flexible spaces to support a variety of learning styles, outdoor learning opportunities, educator collaboration areas, and a secure entry vestibule.

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

The total project budget for Harris is estimated to be \$56,280,000, 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 timeline for completing the project?**

The Harris Elementary modernization design began in spring 2023. Construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2024 and the campus is expected to open to students in spring 2026.

**4. What is a full modernization project?**

A project that addresses all the needs of a facility (building deficiencies, educational suitability, capacity, etc.) by bringing the entire school and site in line with the Educational Specifications and Project Development Manual. A school can be modernized through all new construction, renovation, or a combination of both.

**5. 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. In order to achieve this, we will temporarily relocate, or “swing” students and staff into the former Sims Elementary School, 1203 Springdale Rd, Austin, TX 78721. More details regarding the logistics of the swing space will be provided to families and staff in the coming months.

**6. Will transportation be offered to help students get to the former Sims Elementary School?**

During the temporary relocation, all Harris Elementary School students who live within the attendance area will receive Austin ISD bus transportation at neighborhood pickup locations. Students may walk up to 0.25 miles to the nearest stop unless it is a hazardous walk. Special needs route service will offer

Buses transporting students to a swing campus location will have a bus monitor, and all Austin ISD buses are equipped with seatbelts

pickup and drop off at the residence. To access more information, you can utilize Where's the Bus app and more information at [Austinisd.org/transportation](https://austinisd.org/transportation).

Additionally, Austin ISD has partnered with CapMetro to offer free daily bus vouchers for our families who need additional transportation assistance. For more information, contact the parent support specialist, Yaqueline Rivero Delgado at 512-414-2085 or [yaqueline.riverodelgado@austinisd.org](mailto:yaqueline.riverodelgado@austinisd.org).

**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 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.

**9. 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. Meeting information and materials are published at [AustinISD.org](https://AustinISD.org) and [AISDFuture.com](https://AISDFuture.com).

**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](#).