



Houston Elementary School 2022 Bond FAQs

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

Houston 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 Houston is estimated to be \$56,370,000, 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?

Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2025, and the fully modernized campus is expected to open to students in fall 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. Students will be able to remain in the current Houston Elementary School building while the modernized campus is constructed on a different area of the site.

6. 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.

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

All contractors and vendors who step foot 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 roped off to prevent students from entering active construction areas. The project team coordinates with campus leadership to minimize disruptions to the learning environment.

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 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.

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](#).