



O. Henry Middle School 2022 Bond FAQs

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

O. Henry Middle School will receive the first phase of 2-3 phases of modernization as part of the 2022 Bond, which will include a secure entry vestibule and improvements to HVAC, electrical, roofing and plumbing.

2. How much will this project cost?

The total project budget for O. Henry is \$61,769,000. 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 O. Henry's modernization will begin in spring 2025 and construction is anticipated to begin spring 2026. The modernized campus is expected to open to students in fall 2028.

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?

The phase 1 modernization includes multiple learning spaces and the administrative areas. Any additional space improvements will be determined using the available budget and input from the Campus Architectural Team made up of members of O. Henry, parents, staff and community members in order to ensure the project best fits the needs of the school.

6. When will additional spaces be modernized at O. Henry?

The 2022 Bond will construct the first phased modernization out of 2-3 total phases. The subsequent phases of O. Henry'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. In order to achieve this, it may be necessary to relocate, or "swing" students and staff into portable buildings on site. As the design process continues, the team will determine whether any spaces will need to be temporarily relocated into

portables. If a temporary relocation is necessary, that information will be shared with families, staff and community members.

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 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 and AISDFuture.com once they are confirmed.

12. How will O. Henry students be involved in the design process?

The Campus Architectural Team includes campus staff and parents who provide insight about O. Henry'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](#).