



Oak Springs/Blackshear Elementary School 2022 Bond FAQs

1. What projects will Oak Springs/Blackshear Elementary receive as part of the 2022 Bond?

The consolidated Oak Springs and Blackshear Elementary Schools 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 is estimated to be \$47,622,000, 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?

Project design began in fall 2023. The modernized campus is expected to open to students in fall 2028.

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. During construction, all school activities for the consolidated campus community will be located in Blackshear Elementary School.

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. The General Contractor will follow all rules and regulations by the City of Austin.

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

All students and school activities will be located at the Blackshear Elementary site while construction is ongoing at the Oak Springs Elementary site. All contractors and vendors who work on any Austin ISD campus will have gone through a full background check.

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) for Oak Springs was formed in the fall of 2023 to provide input on the project. In May 2026, members of the Blackshear Elementary community were invited to join the CAT after the two campuses were consolidated. The Blackshear and Oak Springs communities will be working together to ensure that the modernized campus design meets the needs and reflects the cultures of both communities and the combined campus.

CAT meetings are open to the public and public comment will be allowed at the start of each meeting. There were also 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 are published at [AustinISD.org](https://austinsd.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](#).

11. Where can I find information about enrollment and capacity at the consolidated campus?

More information about enrollment and capacity at the consolidated campus can be found in the [Oak Springs and Blackshear Enrollment FAQs](#).

