

Oak Springs / Blackshear Elementary School Enrollment FAQs

1. What is the enrollment capacity of the new Oak Springs/Blackshear Elementary School building?

The capacity of the new building is 390 students, including PK-3 and PK-4.

2. How many students are estimated to be zoned to the new school once the two schools are consolidated?

From our demographic forecast, we anticipate 396.4 students to be zoned to the new school in 2028. We use 2027 as our starting point for boundaries, so 396.4 is over capacity not including any transfers-in. The forecasted peak is 413.3 students in 2030. Learn more about our population projections in our [2025-26 Student Forecast Report](#).

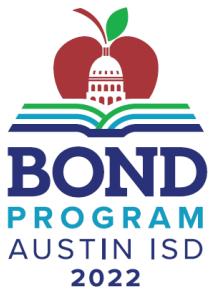
Table 18: Forecast Summary by Elementary School Attendance Area

Attendance Area	Grades	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
Blackshear ES	PK-5	136	170.7	176.4	179.8	188.5	198.2	192.3	185.8	182.8	181.8	180.8
Oak Springs ES*	PK-5	213	213.5	219.7	216.6	216.9	215.1	207.4	203.8	202.0	202.4	202.4
	TOTAL	349	384.2	396.1	396.4	405.4	413.3	399.7	389.6	384.8	384.2	383.2

3. What happens if the enrollment in the newly consolidated Oak Springs and Blackshear Elementary School is higher than the capacity of the new building? Will portables be utilized?

Since there is some inherent flexibility in our modernized campuses to support fluctuating enrollment, portables will not be used. For example, we can extend learning spaces into collaboration areas and maker spaces or teach as a team. We also can consider relocating Pre-K programming to a nearby campus, if needed.

4. Will all of the fine arts programs currently offered at Blackshear fit in the new school building?



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Yes. We are currently working with the Campus Architectural Team (CAT) to integrate fine arts spaces into the current plan for the modernized building. We are planning for space to support dance, theatre, and orchestra as currently offered at Blackshear.

5. Will transfers still be allowed into the new school? If transfers are closed or restricted, will students currently transferring into Blackshear or Oak Springs Elementary School still be able to attend the new school?

Students currently transferring into Blackshear will be able to attend on their transfer until the end of 5th grade, as long as they uphold the transfer expectations for behavior, attendance, and cooperation. New transfers will be limited for the registration seasons leading up to the move into the new building to allow the maximum flexibility during the transition. Students zoned/assigned to Blackshear will always be guaranteed a seat.

6. If the attendance boundaries are changed to address capacity, will families who used to be zoned to either Blackshear or Oak Springs Elementary School be able to transfer in?

While the board has final approval, there are several adjustment policies that have been discussed.

1. Any student currently enrolled at a campus as a zoned student will be eligible for a guaranteed continuation transfer to stay at that campus until the last grade offered,
2. Siblings would be eligible for sibling transfers under the existing sibling transfer policy; and
3. If neither of these apply, the standard transfer policy would apply.

7. Are there any plans or opportunities to build additions to the new Oak Springs/Blackshear Elementary School in the future?

The core spaces (cafeteria, library, gym) are being constructed to support an estimated 532 student campus. A location for a future learning neighborhood addition is identified but would require future bond funding to build. At this time, we have more open seats than students in this part of Austin so a future addition would have to be considered alongside other shifts in East Austin.