



William Wirt Middle School Construction Update Meeting | June 5, 2023 Questions & Answers

Is the project on track for students to move in for the spring of 2024?

Yes, we are on track for a spring 2024 move-in.

Will we be able to use the school prior to the full completion (basically) of phase two? Or where will the students go in the in-between?

Students and staff will move into the new building at the end of Phase 2 to allow for Phase 3 to begin, which is the demolition of the current building.

So, are we still on track for us to move into the new building in January 2024?

Yes, we are on track for a spring 2024 move-in.

When will the staff move into the new building?

We are working with district leadership and the appropriate departments to coordinate the move. The exact date of the move will be decided and shared at a later date.

Will there be an elevator in the new building?

Yes, there is an elevator located in the main lobby of the building.

Where will incoming sixth graders go for the 23/24 school year?

Incoming students will attend the current building for the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

Will there be staff bathrooms on every floor?

In the 3-story classroom side of the building, there will be two(2) single-user bathrooms on each floor that will be centrally located. Additional single-user bathrooms will be in the arts and athletics areas.

Will the new facility be suitable for extreme weather?

The HVAC system will be able to maintain a comfortable building climate in the event of extreme temperatures as mandated by building codes. Similarly, the building will be able to withstand strong winds and storms, as is also mandated by county and state building codes.

What technology will teachers have access to in each classroom?

There will be smartboards and speech enhancement technology in all classrooms.

What is the parking plan before the old building is demolished?

The intermediate parking plan is currently in development. More information will be shared at a later date.



What is the maximum capacity that the school is designed to hold (students)?

1,200 students

Will there be a library for the new school?

Yes, there is a two-floor media center with a classroom, a mobile circulation desk, low-level book stacks, and adjacent access to the computer and steam labs. The media center will also have lounge areas and access to the outdoor terrace.

Will they have areas for sports?

There will be tennis/futsal courts, a baseball/softball field, and an overlaid soccer/multipurpose field.

How many office spaces are in the school?

We do not have an exact number. The design meets educational specifications made for the administrative spaces, including the health suite, counseling area, main office, and conference rooms. There are also special education offices and other specialty spaces in the academic wing for targeted learning programs.

What will the entry look like for parents coming into the building when picking up our children?

All public access, including parents who drop off and pick up their students, will enter through the current Tuckerman Street entrance lot. This will be a one-way traffic loop with parents entering on 63rd Place and exiting on 63rd Ave. Bus traffic will go through a new entrance being made on Norman Avenue to the new bus loop. Both lots will go to a central plaza where the main entrance and office are located.

Can you share the web side to fill the lunch form?

<https://www.pgcps.org/offices/food-and-nutrition>

Do we have any update on the new name for the building?

There is currently no plan for a new name for the building. If this changes in the future, the community will be notified.

Will there be safe rooms in case of an emergency, to avoid emergencies like what happened at the Uvalde Texas school?

This building will have typical school security features such as secure lockdown technology and procedures, security cameras, and a central entrance location.