

AISD Future

Austin ISD 2017 Bond Implementation

T.A. Brown Modernization FAQ



1. What is included in the 2017 Bond Program for T.A. Brown Elementary School?

T.A. Brown will receive a newly constructed school on the existing site. The modernized school will be a state-of-the-art facility designed to meet the new Austin ISD Educational Specifications, including design goals associated with neighborhoods, health and well-being, transparency and connection to the outdoors and community connections.

As part of the [Facility Master Plan](#) approved by the Austin ISD Board of Trustees on April 3, 2017, Webb Primary will join the T.A. Brown community once the modernized facility is constructed and opens in 2020.

2. Why is T.A. Brown currently being housed at Barrington Elementary School?

In the fall of 2016, engineers accessing the facility discovered structural issues which posed a safety risk to occupants of the school. Students were relocated to Barrington Elementary School, where they currently share a campus but operate as two separate schools. Multiple options were considered for the facility; ultimately the decision was made to rebuild the school as a modernized 21st-century-learning space. The modernized school is scheduled to open in 2020.

3. What are the design goals for T.A. Brown Elementary School?

The district will rebuild T.A. Brown to be a green school rooted in science, technology, engineering, the arts, mathematics and outdoor learning. The facility will focus on sustainability, health and well-being, transparency and a connection to the community.

4. What is the total budget for T.A. Brown Elementary School?

\$30,842,000

5. Will students from Webb Primary attend the modernized T.A. Brown Elementary School?

Yes, the new school will be built with additional capacity to include Webb Primary students.

6. Who is on the planning team for T.A. Brown Elementary School? How are they selected?

A Campus Architectural Team has been established for the T.A. Brown modernization. It includes members of the school's community that have been selected by the principal and Austin ISD leadership.

The CAT is responsible for providing community input during planning, design, and construction as we seek to modernize the facility and shape the environment for 21st century learning. The designated design team will meet regularly with the CAT throughout each phase of a given project, from initial planning through design, construction and finally the opening of the modernized facility.

7. How can I get involved and give input?

Everyone is encouraged to send feedback and questions about the bond program by email to Future@AustinISD.org.

There will also be a series of community engagement opportunities that will be held for T.A. Brown Elementary School during the different design phases of the project. These meetings will provide an opportunity for discussion and feedback. Notifications for each meeting will be sent out in advance to the school community, and project events and key dates will also be available on the [T.A. Brown modernization project page](#) of the bond website.

You can also sign-up for school specific email updates on the bond website, which will include information on upcoming opportunities for participation.

8. What is the timeline for construction? When will students move into the new campus?

The design phase for T.A. Brown Elementary School began in March 2018. You can access the current comprehensive timeline at AISDFuture.com. A more detailed construction timeline will be available on the bond website soon.

9. Will Webb Primary students move into the new campus at the same time as current T.A. Brown Elementary students?

The district is working closely with the Webb Primary and T.A. Brown staff members and communities to determine the ideal timing for students to relocate to the new campus, prioritizing the educational needs of the students.

10. Where can I find more information about the modernization project for T.A. Brown?

For the most up-to-date information on this project, visit AustinISD2017Bond.org/Brown-ES.