

AISD Future

Austin ISD 2017 Bond Implementation

New Blazier Relief FAQ



1. What is the New Blazier Relief School?

Under a previous bond program, the district purchased a parcel of land to be used for a future middle school in southeast Austin. We refer to this as the “Southeast Middle School site.” This was based on growth projections as this community develops.

The Facility Master Plan projects the middle school will be needed in 12+ years and recognizes the current need to relieve overcrowding at Blazier Elementary School. The 2017 Bond funds campus master planning for the future middle school and the construction of Phase 1 of that facility, which will serve to relieve the current overcrowding at Blazier Elementary.

2. What will the academic model of New Blazier Relief be?

Phase 1 of the New Blazier Relief, which is funded in the 2017 Bond program, may have a 3-6 or 4-6 academic model; the district is considering both possibilities based on funds available. The master plan has been confirmed as a K-8 model that will integrate the existing Blazier Elementary School.

3. Where will funding for Phase 2 of the master plan project come from?

The district will likely seek funding for Phase 2 in a future bond election.

4. How many phases are there?

This will be contingent on the amount of new space accounted for in the master plan and how efficiently 2017 Bond dollars are used.

5. What is included in the 2017 Bond program for New Blazier Relief?

A state-of-the-art facility constructed on the existing Southeast Middle School site adjacent to Blazier Elementary School that will be designed based on the new Austin ISD Educational Specifications.

Blazier Relief will also receive technology upgrades including computer lab improvements, student mobile computers and teacher computers.

6. What is the total budget for New Blazier Relief?

\$50,487,000

7. Who is on the planning team for the New Blazier Relief? How are they selected?

A Campus Architectural Team has been established for the New Blazier Relief construction and modernization project. 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.

8. 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 the New Blazier Relief 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 [New Blazier Relief modernization 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.

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

The design phase for New Blazier Relief began in February 2018. You can access the current comprehensive timeline at AISDFuture.com. A more detailed construction timeline will be available on the bond website soon.

10. Where can I find more information about the modernization project for Blazier Relief?

For the most up-to-date information on this project, visit AustinISD2017Bond.org/New-Blazier-Relief.