



Wharton Independent School District

Wharton ISD Grade Realignment and Wharton Junior High School and Wharton High School Combined Campus Plan 2021-2022

Rationale For Grade Realignment:

The grade alignment offers many benefits for Wharton ISD students. It allows the district to bring Pre-K 3 into the district thus allowing the district to immediately begin closing the achievement gap of our early childhood students. The transition from the early primary grades to elementary grades and from elementary to secondary are important stages and are critical to student academic success and social-emotional well-being. Therefore, the re-alignment allows the district to vertically align the curriculum for students in the 3rd and 6th grades. The re-alignment removes the issue of the accountability of Wharton Elementary school being determined by the two most difficult state assessment grades (4th and 6th grades) and provides the opportunity for the accountability rating to be determined by three grades (3rd, 4th, and 5th) as opposed to four grades.

*****The combined campus plan will only be during the duration of the bond construction***.**

Wharton High School:

Hours of Operation:

- Start Time: 7:50a.m. End Time: 3:30p.m.
- Early Release Days
 - Start Time: 7:50am End Time 11:50am

Wharton High School traffic flow:

- All Wharton High School students will park in the parking lot of the Old Gym/Cafeteria (Entrance on E. Ahldag)
- All WHS Staff will park in the parking lot that leads to the front entrance of WHS. (Entrance on E. Ahldag)

- Buses will drop off on the bus loop in front of the old gym. (Entrance on E. Ahldag)
- Student dropoff/pickup will be in the parking lot that leads to the front entrance of WHS. (Entrance on E. Ahldag)

Wharton High School dismissal plan:

- WHS will dismiss car riders and walkers at 3:30
- WHS will dismiss Bus riders at 3:33
- All car riders and walkers will be cleared from campus in time for WJHS dismissal at 3:45pm

Wharton High School passing period plan:

- Bell schedules for both campuses are 15 minutes apart which will allow for only one campus to transition at a time.
- WHS will provide 4 minutes for transition after each class period.

WHS/WJHS shared classroom spaces:

- Spanish Class (This class will be housed in Room 30 next to the Library)
- Library
- Band Hall
- Cafeteria
 - a. WJHS will have two lunches:
A Lunch : 10:53 - 11:23
B Lunch : 11:30 - 12:00
 - b. WHS will have a Mega Lunch from 12:06p.m.-1:06p.m.

Breakfast:

- Wharton High School students will eat breakfast in the high school cafeteria.

Wharton Junior High School:

Wharton Junior High operational hours:

- Start Time : 8:05 End Time : 3:45
- Early Release Days : 8:05 End Time: 12:05

Wharton Junior High traffic flow:

- Junior High Bus off and pick up is of E. Belle Street.

- Parent drop off is the new unnamed turning of E. Belle Street.
- WJH Staff parking will be by the new unnamed turning of E. Belle Street.

Wharton Junior High dismissal plan:

- All car riders and walkers will be dismissed at 3:45 via the unnamed street of E. Belle St.
- Bus riders- This group will be dismissed in groups from their classrooms as the buses arrive at the Junior High bus ramp.

WHS/WJHS shared classroom spaces:

- The High School bell schedule is 15 minutes ahead of the Junior High; therefore all HS students will be in their various classes before the Junior High students' transition.
 - Spanish Class (This class will be housed in Room 30 next to the Library)
 - Library
 - Band Hall
 - Cafeteria
 - a. WJHS will have two lunches:
A Lunch : 10:53 - 11:23
B Lunch : 11:27 - 12:02
 - b. WHS will have a Mega Lunch from 12:06p.m.-1:06p.m.
- The following classes will be escorted to and from the High School side by their teachers.
 - a. Band students during the A.M part of the day.
 - b. Choir students will use the classroom behind the Auditorium or the Auditorium when available.
 - c. Spanish classroom will be in Room 30, next to the library, and will be the only classroom that will be shared on the Junior High side of the high school campus. The high school students will use this classroom in the AM and the junior high school students will use this classroom in the PM.

Location of portables:

- All portables, as designed by the construction team, are located behind the senior wing off E. Belle Street.

Breakfast:

- Wharton Junior High School Students will have breakfast in the new gym, separate from the high school students.