

INCLUSIVE RESTROOMS

Private • Secure • Safe

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Why are inclusive restrooms being installed?

Saint Paul Public Schools is upgrading restrooms in all locations undergoing major building renovations. The new restrooms are designed to be private, safe and secure.

Students of all genders have equal access to private and secure toilet stalls with floor-to-ceiling door and walls, and share the handwashing area.

To ensure a wide range of needs was addressed, the SPPS Facilities Department developed and designed the new restroom model in partnership with a local design consultant, the City of Saint Paul, and students from Johnson High School.

2. What do the inclusive restrooms look like?

The new restrooms are brighter, safer and more accessible than traditional restrooms. Each toilet stall is equipped with its own floor-to-ceiling door and walls with a light and fan that turn on automatically. From the outside, the lock clearly indicates if the stall is *vacant* or *occupied*. On the inside, the sign reads as *secure* or *insecure*. There are no more urinals. (Photos of the new restroom model are featured on the next page.)

3. How are inclusive restrooms different than traditional restrooms?

- **More privacy:** Each toilet stall is equipped with a floor-to-ceiling door and walls. Each door has a lock that clearly shows from the outside when a stall is *vacant* or *occupied*. On the inside, the sign reads as *secure* or *insecure*.

- **All genders have equal access to the same**

restroom: While each student uses a private, individual stall, students of all genders use the same restroom wash stations. At middle and high school sites, both students and staff may share the same restrooms.

- **No more urinals.**

4. What makes inclusive restrooms safer?

The new restrooms are easier to monitor: the open design and wider entrances make it easy to see into the general restroom area. The restrooms are also located in busy areas so staff and students walking by can easily see into the handwashing area, which is also under camera surveillance.

5. Which schools are getting the new restrooms?

Will all SPPS buildings eventually get these new restrooms?

Johnson High School has had the redesigned restrooms since 2016-17. Starting in spring 2018, **Adams Spanish Immersion, Highland Park Elementary, and St. Anthony Park** will have the new restrooms.

Next year these schools will get the new restrooms: **Como Park Senior High, Horace Mann, Humboldt High School and Linwood Monroe Arts Plus**. Redesigned restrooms will be factored into remodeling at other SPPS buildings as budgets allow.



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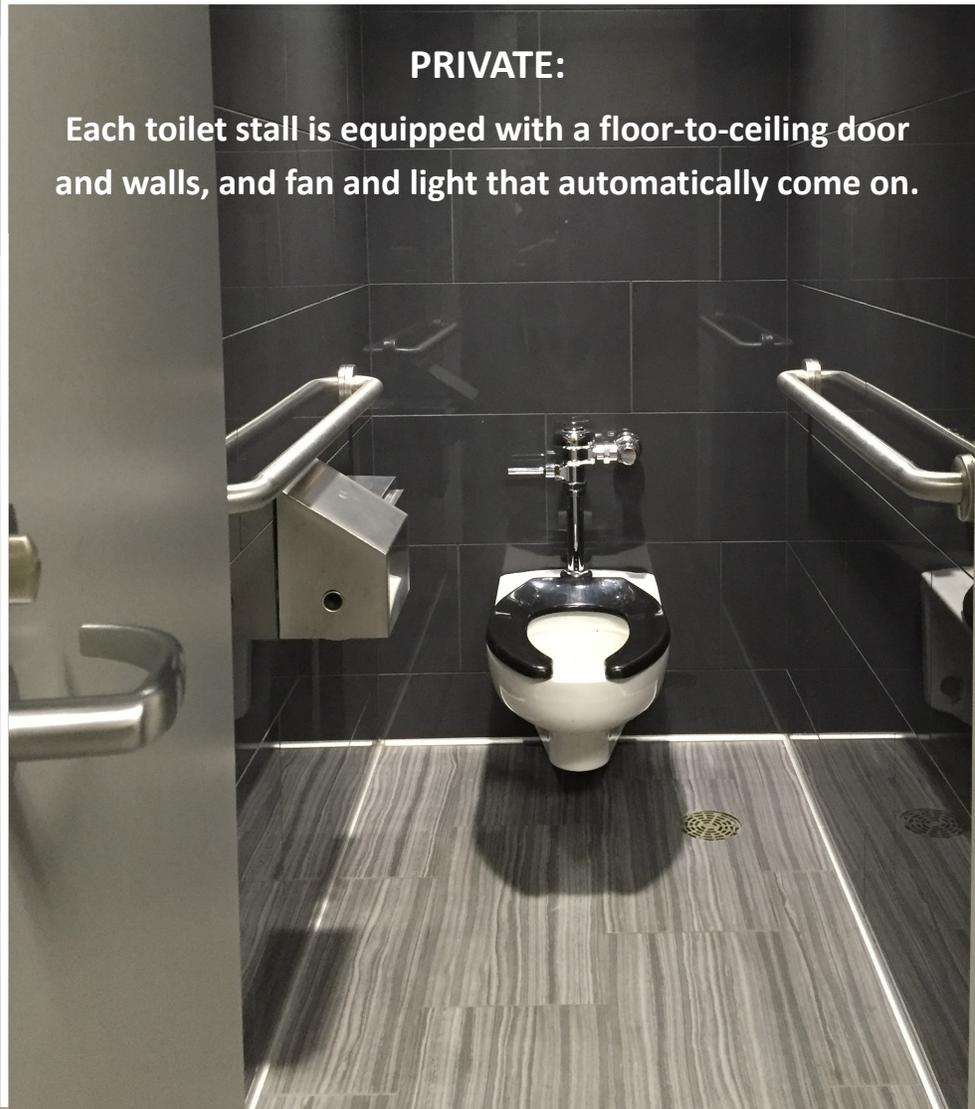


SECURE:
The door says
VACANT when
no one is using
the stall.



SAFE:

The open design makes it easy to see into the general restroom area. The handwashing area is under camera surveillance.



PRIVATE:

Each toilet stall is equipped with a floor-to-ceiling door and walls, and fan and light that automatically come on.



SECURE:
The door says
OCCUPIED
when someone
is using the
stall.