

Lake Oswego Junior High Open House
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Questions:

What will the security look like on the Uplands campus? *All exterior doors will lock once the classes are in session. There will be more adult supervision at Uplands, and safety is the priority. We will continue to use the Raptor system for public and parent check-in at the main office vestibule.*

Are the class sizes going to be bigger at Uplands due to the classroom sizes? *No, Uplands will fit all the programs that are currently at LOJ. The modular classroom spaces were thoughtfully planned and placed based on the current programs.*

Are there projections for bigger class sizes in the next two years? *No, the projections do not look like there will be an increase in students within the LOJ boundary in the next two years.*

How will student drop off and pick up happen at Uplands? *A dedicated bus lane will travel around the school separate from the parent drop-off and pick-up. A temporary traffic signal and pedestrian crosswalk and signal will be added to Country Club and Wembley Park to help with the traffic flow.*

How will the students get to the high school for classes or events? *The district is still in the planning stages of safe and efficient transportation for the students between Uplands and LOH.*

Will students still be able to have time outside at lunch? *Yes, there is an undercover play area and access to the softball field for play and the gym. There will always be adult supervision in all areas.*

Will the 'rainbow' schedule stay the same at Uplands? Will there be extra passing time allowed? *The schedule will stay the same. Passing time will be adjusted as the students and staff begin to "live" at Uplands.*

Will this move have an impact on school choice? *Most students stick with their friends, not worried about this.*

Will any classrooms be open and used during construction like the band and choir rooms? *No, the whole campus will be off-limits to the public during demolition and construction.*

What about the parking lot? It is used for overflow parking for football games. *There will be no access to the parking lot during demolition and construction.*

Will there be access to the high school softball field? *Yes, the softball field will remain open for use. The access will be from the Uplands campus.*

When does the construction start on the new school? *The abatement process will begin in June 2024 and last about 10- 12 weeks. The abatement contractor has a responsibility to abate legally and responsibly. Everything is monitored and tracked closely throughout the process. Demolition will begin right after that.*

Will the new school have air conditioning? *Some spaces will have traditional mechanical systems with heating and cooling, other spaces will rely on the building mass and insulation to provide comfort. This means more insulation and less reliance on mechanical systems.*

What about cold days? *All spaces in the buildings have heating.*

Is gender-neutral bathrooms a concern due to safety issues? *The individual restroom rooms do not provide an opportunity for congregating like traditional restrooms. We have seen a decrease in incidents related to bullying with individual restrooms.*

With the new bigger school, will there still be three lunches? *Two lunches in the designated indoor cafeteria / common space and outdoor seating.*

Will the new school have bulletproof glass? *The exterior will have hardened glass, high impact, school guard glass. It is not bulletproof but will sustain impact.*

Will the new school still be able to operate in an emergency event? *Yes, the new school will have a generator that has a three-day run time that will operate significant systems.*

Has a walking bridge over Country Club been discussed to connect Lake Oswego High School and Lake Oswego Junior High? *There is not a pedestrian bridge planned at this point. Improvements will be made at the intersection of the new school to improve pedestrian safety, and an accessible walkway will also be added from Country Club to the middle school.*

Will information be on the district website? *Yes, updates will be provided and updated throughout the move to Uplands, the abatement, the demolition, and the construction process.*