Bond Edition

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BUILDING FUTURE LEADERS

WSISD voters approved a \$115 million bond package in May of 2022 to increase capacity at every school and department and accommodate future enrollment growth.

The first phase of the bond includes projects at the West Early Learners Academy, Brewer Middle School, and Brewer High School as well as new playgrounds with shade structure at four elementary schools.

School and district officials worked with VLK Architects and BTC Construction for several months to develop and finalize designs that would ensure cost-effective pricing despite rising inflation costs. Dirt began moving this summer, and crews are currently pouring beams and conducting utility work so citizens can expect to see walls constructed this winter!



Your Tax Dollars at Work!



Beginning with the 2024-25 school year, all pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students will attend the West Early Learners Academy. This specialized school will enhance the early literacy and math skills of WSISD's youngest learners.

The West Early Learners Academy will be completed this summer at the current West Elementary and Early Childhood Academy site. The bond includes a two-story addition, a cafeteria addition and expansion, and new parking lot and drop off areas.





Fifth Grade

Next year, all fifth graders will attend their respective elementary schools. For example, current Blue Haze Elementary fourth graders will attend fifth grade at Blue Haze.

Sixth Grade Center

Currently, sixth graders attend Tannahill Intermediate or the Fine Arts Academy. For the 2024-25 school year, Tannahill Intermediate will only serve sixth graders.

The bond includes the addition of a Sixth Grade Center at Brewer Middle School that will serve all sixth graders. Projected completion of the Sixth Grade Center is February 2025.

Shared staffing will provide additional opportunities for sixth graders in Career and Technical Education (CTE), fine arts and pre-athletics.



Grade Center

Brewer Middle School Renovations & Sixth Grade Center

Additional bond improvements at BMS include:

- a cafeteria addition and renovation that will serve as an auditorium and seat 2,000 students.
- expansion of the Fine Arts area including the band hall and choir room.
- a new competition gym.

This summer, the school's administrative offices were temporarily relocated to the library area so crews could begin demolition of that area, paving the way for the new Sixth Grade Center.

Crews also demoed the building off Gibbs Street and part of the existing cafeteria to prepare for construction of the new kitchen and cafeteria, slated to begin in January and projected for completion in the spring of 2025.

The Sixth Grade Center will be constructed off Cherry Lane—near the Dorothy Morris Multi-Purpose Center—and open to students in the spring of 2025.

The new practice gym (projected to be completed in May 2025) will be constructed adjacent to the new wing, off Gibbs Street.

Renovation and expansion of the Fine Arts area and band hall will begin this January.







Brewer High School Fine Arts Renovations & Gym Expansion



The bond includes the expansion of the BHS gym, a new band hall and a new drill team gym floor. The main competition gym, currently under renovation, will be expanded to the road to accommodate nearly 2,000 students (previous seating was 1,200).

Crews are currently installing outside utilities for the expansion of the gym as well as the addition of a new Band Hall to accommodate the school's growing number of students in the band program. Both projects will be completed this summer.

The drill team gym floor will also be replaced this summer.



New Playgrounds

Blue Haze Elementary, the North STEAM Academy, Liberty Elementary and West Elementary/Early Childhood Academy received new playgrounds with shade structure.

West received a smaller version to accommodate the ongoing construction, and a larger playground will be installed when construction ends.



Liberty Elementary

Liberty Elementary will receive a new gym and cafeteria expansion, with completion set for the spring of 2025. The campus is currently in the design phase of construction.

TIMELINE

Summer 2024

- BHS Fine Arts Expansion completed
- BHS Gym Expansion completed
- BHS Drill Team Gym Floor installed

August 2024 - -

- West Early Learners Academy opens -All Pre-K & Kindergarten students
- Blue Haze Elementary, Liberty Elementary & North STEAM Academy serve grades 1-5
- Fine Arts Academy serves grades 1-6 in 2024-25 only
- Tannahill Intermediate serves 6th grade only

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▼ Spring 2025 -

- Brewer Middle School Sixth Grade Center opens
- New Brewer Middle School Cafetorium completed
- Brewer Middle Fine Arts Expansion completed
- Liberty Elementary New Gym, Cafeteria Expansion
 & Cafeteria Wing completed

- August 2025 - - -

- Tannahill Intermediate becomes Fine Arts Academy at Tannahill serving grades 1-5
- Fine Arts Academy site to house Auxiliary Offices (Child Nutrition, Operations and Transportation) and Special Programs



Pardon Our Dust!

Pardon our dust. We appreciate the patience of our families, staff and citizens during our bond program. Thank you for your support as we adjust traffic patterns, parking, etc. to accommodate ongoing construction.



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