

General Project Information Bond 2023

Project: Security Fencing

Project Description: District wide upgrading and addition of fencing with non-scalable capability.

Background & Justification: In an effort to support school safety efforts, on November 3, 2022 the Texas Education Agency (TEA) released the proposed amendment to ***19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter CC, Commissioner's Rules Concerning School Facilities, §61.1031, School Safety Requirements*** to establish a minimum standard for educational facilities across the state of Texas. One area within the standard pertains to campus fencing and the ability for the fencing to deter individuals from easily scaling it.

In anticipation of the proposed amendment, while also considering recent district concerns of access to campus's back fields and playground areas, Katy ISD determined a need to proactively address the issue. Replacing current 3-inch gap chain link fencing material with 1-inch gap material, would greatly decrease the scalability of current district 6-foot fence lines and improve the safety and security of all campuses. The 1-inch chain link fence material was validated by the TEA as being an acceptable solution to meet the "non-scalable" requirement of the amendment.