



MANHATTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

ATHLETIC FACILITY ASSESSMENT

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Did You Know?

1. Manhattan Schools received an Office of Civil Rights (OCR) complaint for lack of access at their athletic facilities.

The complaint identified concerns with access to the existing bleachers, facility amenities, and the track. The District is REQUIRED to remedy these conditions. Maintaining the facilities in their current state is NOT an option.

2. Track and Field has the highest student participation.

More students participate in track and field than in any other school sport, highlighting the importance of providing safe, functional, and inclusive facilities.

3. Based on current enrollments, Manhattan Schools may become a Class A district within the next 3–6 years.

Current enrollment data and projected growth indicate that the District is likely to transition classifications, which will place increased expectations on facilities and program capacity.

4. Students currently travel in personal vehicles to Belgrade for track and field practice due to limitations of the existing dirt track.

This creates safety, scheduling, and liability challenges, as students drive themselves to and from practice. Due to these safety and liability concerns, continued use of Belgrade's facilities is not sustainable, and it is only a matter of time before Manhattan no longer has access to them.

5. The existing dirt track prevents the District from hosting track meets.

Per Montana High School Association (MHSA) track regulations, the current site configuration does not provide sufficient space to construct a synthetic track that meets today's recommended standards. A longer and thinner synthetic track could be accommodated and would provide the ability to host meets, but would limit the District's ability to support future program needs, and educational growth.

6. Existing grass football field receives heavy use and is difficult to maintain.

High school and middle school programs share the field, leading to significant wear, muddy conditions, and reduced playability, all of which increase maintenance costs and effort to keep the field maintained.

7. Current track location conflicts with the long-range master plan.

The District's master plan anticipates future campus growth and identifies relocating the football and track facilities to the west side of the existing school to support future classroom expansion. Planned middle school expansion to the east will impact the existing facilities.

Objectives

1. Provide ADA accessibility at all MHS athletic facilities.

Achieve ADA-compliant access to bleachers, facility amenities, and the track to address the OCR complaint and ensure equitable access for all users.

2. Provide safe, reliable, and on-campus facilities for student athletes.

Develop facilities that support football, softball, track and field, cross country, etc., which eliminates the need for students to travel off-site for practice and improves safety and scheduling reliability.

3. Support both school and community use.

Create facilities capable of hosting tournaments for a multitude of sporting events as well as supporting home track meets, strengthening student opportunity, and community engagement.

4. Reduce long-term maintenance demands and improve field performance.

Implement durable field and facility solutions that withstand heavy use, minimize surface degradation and muddy conditions, and lower maintenance effort and operational costs.

5. Provide a long-term solution that aligns with future campus needs.

Provide a solutions-oriented design that aligns with the District's long-range master plan and allows future opportunities for additional programs, such as soccer, lacrosse, or other activities, within a thoughtfully planned athletics complex.



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Proposed Solution

Entry Perspective



Aerial Perspective



Overall Site Plan



Total Project Cost =

Approx:
\$11.4 Million

Estimated project tax impact.

Please note that the estimated tax impact is based on your state assessed home value, not market value.

Based on a **\$500,000** (assessed value)



\$14.21 / MONTH



\$170.53 / YEAR

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