

Maplewood/Campbell Consolidation and Blackshear School for Digital Media and Performing Arts

Students from Campbell and Maplewood elementaries will have the opportunity to learn in a bright, modern school with flexible classrooms to serve both communities at the Campbell site. The Maplewood facility will close and resources will be combined and invested to enhance academic programming within welcoming and inspiring learning spaces. The Maplewood culture, programming, and students will move to a modernized site at Campbell Elementary. Uniting the Campbell and Maplewood campuses will allow students to benefit from the strengths of each community. The Blackshear campus will have modernized and improved facility spaces dedicated to fine arts programming. Campbell students may choose to either join the arts-rich Maplewood programming at the Campbell site or attend Blackshear – Austin’s first Fine and Performing Arts Academy with Digital Media programs for K-5 students.

Serving Students

Students who are passionate about art, music, performing arts, and exploring the arts through film and photography will have additional learning, performance, and competition opportunities they won’t find at any other elementary school in Austin. Already a Blue Ribbon school, students who attend Blackshear will be able to increase their knowledge, develop their creative passions, and further their academic performance through the new and expanded programs. Maplewood’s positive culture and academic excellence will take root at the improved Campbell facility, providing an elevated experience to both communities.

Preparing Our Kids To Succeed By

- Expanding arts programs and increase literacy, math and critical thinking skills.
- Implementing the Campbell Digital Media programs at Blackshear.
- Leveraging the positive culture and academic excellence from Maplewood and Campbell to merge the best elements of both campuses to create one premier school community.
- Strengthening the fine arts and performing arts programs at Blackshear.
- Working with community arts partners to offer additional learning programs.
- Repurposing an aging facility (Maplewood) into a new, beneficial space for the community.
- Adjusting boundaries and feeder patterns to meet the needs of students.

SCENARIO Summary

Meets Guiding Principles



Anticipated Date

Timing will be determined upon a comprehensive assessment of complete School Changes project phasing

Campuses in this Scenario

Blackshear Elementary
Campbell Elementary
Maplewood Elementary

Financial Implications

Academic Program Cost	TBD
Reinvested 2017 Bond Funds	\$900,000
Deferred Maintenance Savings	\$8.11 MILLION
Annual Operations & Maintenance Savings	\$500,000

Summary of Changes

	Districtwide Changes	
✓	New Program	Digital Media at Blackshear
✓	Enhanced Program	Expanding fine and performing arts at Blackshear
✓	Campus Consolidation	Maplewood culture, programs, and students will move to the Campbell campus; Campbell students can choose to join the Maplewood community at the Campbell site or attend Blackshear
✓	Campus Repurpose	Maplewood will be repurposed for community benefit, such as affordable housing, an arts studio, a childcare facility, or an art space for students
✓	Facility Improvement	Blackshear will require modernization for enhanced fine arts programming, Campbell will receive a modernization
✓	Boundary or Feeder Implications	Campbell and Maplewood elementaries

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