



Lincoln High School Modernization Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the timeline for construction?

The LHS project will be constructed in two phases with students and staff remaining in the existing school on the east end of the site, while the new building is constructed on the west end of the site. Phase 1 will start in early January 2020 and will be completed in Spring of 2022. Students and staff will move to the new building for the start of the 2022-2023 school year. The old facility will then be abated and demolished with a new track and field and related structures constructed in its place, opening for the 2023-24 school year.

What kind of construction activities will be in the neighborhood during the rebuild?

The construction schedule will typically run from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Work may occur on some evenings and weekends, and will be in compliance with the City of Portland noise ordinance. There will be construction traffic in the neighborhood as trucks bring materials to the project site. The current school entrance and bus parking on SW Salmon will be maintained. Staff parking will be accessed off of SW 16th Ave. and 14th Avenue as it is currently. The parking area under the bleachers will be closed for construction and the parking area near the cafeteria will be expanded to maintain the current parking capacity.

Will there be efforts to preserve existing building components in the new building?

The LHS Modernization team will reuse some of the historic site elements such as bricks under the flagpole and the cherry tree and planter at the west side of the existing school. There are numerous works of art which will be conserved and installed in the rebuilt school. The team is also working to incorporate the historic archives into display areas in common spaces on the main level of the new building.

Why is Lincoln High School being rebuilt instead of remodeled?

The 2017 Capital Improvement Bond includes funding to rebuild Lincoln High School to allow for full modernization of the school's facilities. Due to the poor condition of the current building and the lack of a temporary location for students to go, rebuilding is much more cost-effective than remodeling the existing structure.

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Will there be street or sidewalk closures for extended periods of time?

No extended street closures are anticipated in connection with the Lincoln rebuild. There will be intermittent sidewalk closures when needed to ensure pedestrian safety along both SW 18th Ave. and SW Salmon St. Temporary street closures for up to a few days at a time will occur for utility work on 18th Avenue and Salmon Street. The project team will target times the school is not in session for this work to occur.

What process will be used to mitigate dust from hazardous materials on the site?

The LHS team has developed a hazardous materials abatement plan with an industrial hygienist. Any demolition work will comply with the criteria and processes identified in that plan. All work will be completed in compliance with District, City, State, and Federal regulations.

Will there be green or open space accessible to the neighborhood during non-school hours?

Yes, the Lincoln rebuild site design includes a publicly accessible plaza which connects to SW 17th to the north and south sides of the site. The plaza includes a multi-use path for cyclists and pedestrians and will remain open during the day and evenings when school is not in session. The campus will be closed overnight.

What will happen to the mature trees on the Lincoln site?

There is a heritage tree at the corner of Salmon Street and 18th Ave. This tree, together with the tree closest to it, will be carefully protected during construction. The surrounding landscape area is designed to be restored habitat. There are other trees on the Lincoln campus which are in the same location as the foundation and utility work for the new building which will be removed. These trees may be salvaged for use if they are determined to have usable lumber.

Where will Lincoln athletic teams practice and play during the rebuild?

LHS and PPS District Athletics developed an athletics swing site plan which has LHS and Ida B Wells High School sharing use of their track and field until the new Lincoln track and field are ready for students in the 2023-24 school year. LHS Athletics website will have the most current, updated information. Visit them here: <https://www.lincolnathletics.com/>