

FAQ

Attucks Middle School

GENERAL

What is happening?

Milby High School is being relocated to allow construction to begin on their new school, which is part of the Houston Independent School District's 2012 Bond Program. The planning and design stage is currently underway for our new building, and construction is slated to begin later this year.

What does that mean for Attucks Middle School?

Attucks Middle School will temporarily house Milby 9th-grade students during the construction process. The Jones High School campus will temporarily house the remaining 10th- through 12th-grade students during that same time.

How long will Milby students be on our campus?

We expected Milby 9th-graders to be on the Attucks campus for the duration of the construction process. The relocation begins with the 2014-2015 school year and is expected to last about three years. The new Milby High School is expected to open in August 2017.

Why was Attucks selected as swing space for Milby 9th-graders? Were there other options?

The district looked at a variety of alternatives before recommending this transition plan. All of the proposals involved moving Milby to a temporary location. After a thorough review, this option was selected as the best solution for all of our school communities. In addition to being the least disruptive, this option also best suits the Milby space requirements and building budget while also allowing us to keep our focus on student safety at all campuses.

Why isn't Milby being phased on site?

Voters in 2012 approved a new school that would preserve the architecturally significant building structure while also accommodating up to 2,000 students. Preserving the historic entrance to the building limits the ability to phase the project on site in a timely manner. Part of the issue is the overall size of the Milby campus. Our construction team estimates it could take as long as four years from the start of construction to phase Milby on the current campus. By moving the Milby 9th-graders to Attucks, the construction will move forward more quickly.

Why aren't T-Buildings being used?

Even with the current transition plan, we do anticipate using classroom portable buildings at the Jones campus, as needed. Here at Attucks, our classroom portable buildings will be used to house the Milby administration, as well as provide some of the instructional space for their students.

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STUDENTS

How many students will be relocated to our campus?

We are currently estimating up to 550 Milby 9th-graders.

SAFETY/PARKING

What steps is the district taking to ensure the safety of all students, since there will now be older teenagers on the Attucks campus?

We anticipate minimum interaction between the high school students and middle school students. All 6th-graders will take their classes on the second floor. In addition, we plan to separate the Milby students on one hallway of the school, plus use our portable buildings for some of their instructional space.

How many police officers will be on the Attucks campus?

We will add one police officer from Milby to the one officer already on our campus, for a total of two officers.

Is there enough parking to accommodate both students and staff from Milby?

Yes. We are working with the City of Houston to ensure adequate parking.

ADMINISTRATION

How will the Milby administration be co-located with the Attucks administration?

We plan to use office space in the portable buildings for the Milby administration.

ATHLETICS

Will there be any impact on athletic offerings for middle school students?

All Milby games and practices will be held either at Attucks Middle School or at district stadiums. Middle school students will not see any changes to their athletic offerings.

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Will Attucks Middle School be used to host athletic practices for all Milby students?

Yes. Most of Milby's sports will be offered at Attucks Middle School, though some select indoor sports — basketball, volleyball, swimming — maybe be offered at Jones High School. Most athletic practices will be held at Attucks because space is available. HISD will provide transportation from Jones to Attucks for all 10th-through 12th-grade students housed at Jones. We will take steps to ensure the high school students remain as separate as possible from the middle school students during practices.

CONSTRUCTION

Will there be any renovations or upgrades to Attucks this summer to accommodate the Milby students?

Our facility is already in good shape. The district anticipates needing to do only basic maintenance and minor repairs.

TRANSFERS

I'm not comfortable with this plan and no longer want my child to attend Attucks. Are there any other options?

We hope that you choose to stay in our Attucks community. However, HISD is a district of choice with a variety of educational options available to our students. Families who want to look at additional options and programs should contact the HISD School Choice Office. Please note that the district allows only one transfer per year.