

School Transition Plan: Gregory-Lincoln Education Center

FAQ

GENERAL

What is happening? Why?

Wharton Dual Language Academy is being relocated to allow construction and renovation work at their school, which is part of the Houston Independent School District's 2012 Bond Program. The design stage is currently underway, and construction is slated to begin later this year. To ensure the safety of all students and staff, Wharton will be temporarily relocated until construction work is complete.

What does that mean for the Gregory-Lincoln campus?

Beginning this fall, Wharton Dual Language Academy will be housed on the Gregory-Lincoln Education Center campus. Students and staff will report to our campus for the start of the 2016-2017 school year.

Why was the Gregory-Lincoln campus selected?

The district looked at a variety of alternatives before recommending this transition plan. All proposals involved moving Wharton to a temporary location to ensure the safety of their students and staff throughout construction. After a thorough review, this option was selected as the best solution for all of our school communities. The campuses are just blocks away from each other, and Gregory-Lincoln has plenty of available space to accommodate temporary buildings for Wharton students.

Will students from different schools be separated or mingled together?

Though multiple schools may be located on one campus, each will be kept mostly separate. Wharton students will be housed in temporary buildings located on the field along West Dallas Street, just north of the school. Despite the physical boundaries, both principals — Wharton Dual Language Academy Principal Jennifer Day and Gregory-Lincoln Education Center Principal Nicole Ayen-Metoyer — are working together closely to develop a strong team and ensure the transition is as smooth as possible for all students.

How long will Wharton students be on our campus?

We expect Wharton students to be on the Gregory-Lincoln campus for the duration of the construction process. The relocation begins with the 2016-2017 school year and is expected to last up to two years. The new Wharton Dual Language Academy is expected to open in August 2018.

Will the installation of temporary buildings impact Gregory-Lincoln's use of the field?

No impact is expected as Gregory-Lincoln doesn't currently use the field north of the school.

ACADEMICS

Will this move limit my student's course options or impact my student's academic achievement?

No. This will not affect the courses and special programs currently offered at Gregory-Lincoln.

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ATHLETICS/EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Will there be any impact on athletic offerings or extracurricular activities currently offered at Gregory-Lincoln?

No. All athletics and extracurricular activities currently available at Gregory-Lincoln will continue to be available.

SAFETY

How do I know if my children will be safe?

Both campuses will continue to maintain the highest standards and expectations for appropriate behavior. Additionally, Gregory-Lincoln has a campus-based police officer who is assigned to the campus and on-site throughout the day. HISD crossing guards will assist with traffic and student safety at drop-off and dismissal times.

Will each campus have a visitor management system to ensure campus safety?

Yes.

TRANSFERS

I'm not comfortable with this plan and no longer want my child to attend Gregory-Lincoln Education Center. Are there other options?

We expect this to be a smooth transition and hope that you choose to stay in your current school 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.