

# School Transition Plan: Wharton Dual Language Academy

## FAQ

### GENERAL

#### What is happening? Why?

Wharton Dual Language Academy is being relocated to allow construction to begin on our addition and renovation project, 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, our school will be temporarily relocated until construction work is complete.

#### Where are we moving?

Beginning August 2016, Wharton Dual Language Academy will be housed on the Gregory-Lincoln Education Center campus — just a few blocks away from our current location. Students and staff will report to this new location for the start of the 2016-2017 school year.

#### Why was the Gregory-Lincoln campus selected? What happened to the Hogg plan?

After carefully considering all options and gathering extensive community feedback, it has been decided that Wharton will be housed on the Gregory-Lincoln campus. We previously planned to relocate to Hogg Middle School, but believe the available space at Gregory-Lincoln will better suite our needs. We also believe the location — a half-mile east of our campus — will be more convenient for Wharton families.

#### 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. At Gregory-Lincoln, Wharton student and staff will be housed in temporary buildings 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 we be relocated?

Students will be temporarily displaced for the duration of the construction process, which could be up to two years. The new school is slated to open in August 2018.

### ACADEMICS

#### Will this move limit my student's course options?

No. All courses and special programs currently available at the Wharton campus also will be available to students once they are relocated to Gregory-Lincoln.

#### How will this plan impact my student's academic achievement?

Though our location will change temporarily, Wharton still will have the same teachers, same programs, same students and same level of academics. As a result, we do not expect this location change to impact students' academic achievement.

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Summer school will be offered in the main building at Wharton Dual Language Academy.

### ATHLETICS/EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

#### Will my student still have access to clubs and afterschool activities?

Though our location will change temporarily, Wharton still will offer the same programs, clubs, and afterschool activities.

### 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.

### TRANSPORTATION

#### Will my student be eligible for transportation?

Students who live two or more miles from their assigned campuses are eligible for transportation services at district-designated stops.

#### When will I find out my student's bus schedule?

Bus schedules will be ready during the week of August 15.

### TRANSFERS

#### I'm not comfortable with this plan and no longer want my child to attend Wharton Dual Language Academy. Are there other options?

We hope that you choose to stay in the Wharton family. 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 the district allows only one transfer per year.