

HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

New Austin High School opens Jan. 6

WHAT: The new Austin High School will open its doors to in-person students for the first time on Wednesday, Jan. 6.

A cornerstone of Houston's historic East End, Austin High School was rebuilt as part of HISD's 2012 Bond Program. The \$80.9 million project called for a new 288,628-square-foot facility, as well as preservation of the original 84-year-old building's historic front facade and auditorium.

The new facility features a three-story academic wing with large classrooms, abundant natural light, and labs for welding, robotics, and maritime. It also includes new athletic facilities, including two gyms, state-of-the-art locker rooms, and a weight room with mustang detailing.

The campus is one of 40 schools — including 29 high schools — renovated or rebuilt as part of the \$2 billion bond program, which is now nearly complete. Only Bellaire High School remains under active construction as part of the bond program's original scope of work.

Note: Media will be able to visit select classrooms and interview district and campus staff, as well as English- and Spanish-speaking students.

WHO: Austin High School Principal Orlando Reyna, HISD General Manager of Facilities Design Dan Bankhead

WHEN: Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021
Media availability at 8 a.m. School begins at 8:30 a.m. with classroom visits allowed until 9 a.m.

WHERE: Austin High School
1700 Dumble St., 77023

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