

Mount Pleasant High School Construction



Future Campus Rendering

What Students and Families Can Expect This School Year

Mount Pleasant High School is undergoing a major renovation that will create improved learning spaces, modern building systems, better student support areas and new amenities for the school community.

Construction will continue during the school year. This means some parts of the school will be closed, and students may use different classrooms or routes through the building while work is underway.

The construction is happening in phases so that Mount Pleasant can stay open while the school is improved.

When Students Return in the 2026-2027 School Year

Some parts of the school will be closed for construction.

Two sections on the north side of the building, on the ground floor and first floor, will be closed for construction. These areas will be closed off from the rest of the school.

Students and staff who normally use these areas will temporarily use classrooms and other spaces that have been set up elsewhere in the building, including areas that were previously used as a weight room and a second gym.

Notably, old asbestos tile floors have been removed and a concrete floor has been installed. As with similar construction projects such as Classical High School, these concrete floors are safe to walk on and will be covered in new flooring at a later phase of renovation.

Air quality is monitored consistently throughout construction, and the building is equipped with air scrubbers and air purifiers.

The improved science area will be open.

The upper-floor science area will be open when students return. Improvements made this summer include new lighting and ceilings, updated fire alarms and sprinklers, and major upgrades to the building's heating, cooling and ventilation systems. The science area will have air conditioning and the rest of the building will be ready for air conditioning later in the school year.

The front of the school will look different.

A new, larger area for families to drop off and pick up students will be open at the front of the school. The traffic flow has also changed as part of the new design.

The pavement in this area will not look finished when school opens. It will have the first layer of asphalt, which is rougher than the smooth pavement you see on a finished road or parking lot. The final, smooth layer will be added later so that construction trucks and equipment do not damage it. The drop-off area will be ready and safe to use when school opens.

The bus route will stay the same.

School buses will continue to enter along the side of the school, travel behind the building and leave using the same general route as before. Students may see construction fences behind the school because work on the new addition is still underway.

Parking will be available.

A new parking area at the front of the school will be open. Another new parking area will still be under construction. Some existing parking spaces behind the building will be available for staff and street parking will remain available for the school community. More on-site parking will become available as the project moves forward.

What's Coming Later This School Year

Newly renovated areas will open at different times during the school year.

Expected in November: A renovated area on the ground floor is scheduled to open with several important student services in one location. These will include health and nursing services, counseling and guidance, college and career resources, life-skills programming and other student support services.

Expected in February: Another renovated area on the first floor is scheduled to open. Students and staff will begin moving into these new spaces as they become available. Other improvements underway include a new main office area near the school entrance and a new student resource space on the lower level, which is planned to include resources such as food and clothing for students and families.

As Construction Continues

Students and families will continue to see signs of construction throughout the school year, including temporary walls and fences. Classrooms, offices or student services may also move to different locations as each phase of construction is completed.

These changes are temporary and allow the school to remain open while major improvements are made. As work continues, the school will share information with students and families about important changes for moving throughout the building and where programs and services are located.

If you have questions about the project, please contact the Office of Family and Community Engagement at (401) 456-0686 or face@ppsd.org.