WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL



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SWING SPACE QUESTIONS

Q: How many parking spots are there for staff?

There are 20 striped spaces currently. The parking is limited, and we are working on options for parking.

Q: What is the capacity of the swing space building?

The capacity of the Chinquapin Building is currently 1293, based on its most recent use. Capacity is calculated based on how it is used at the time of the calculation.

Q: How many people can fit in the auditorium?

We would have to perform a code calculation and get back to you.

Q: Poly & Western have combined programs i.e., JROTC, Band, Majorettes, ESOL and a few more clubs started coming together. Question: Moving forward what are the expectations for Principal White since the schools share the budget for programming? Who is expected to pay to maintain the operational resources required to maintain these programs while in the swing spaces? Will schools be forced to discontinue these joint programs stated above? How do we hold onto our traditions?

Shared programming is an important aspect for both Western and BPI. We are still in the very early swing spaces planning stages and since both schools do not swing until Summer 2025, we are still assessing and coordinating details for swing, including shared programming.

Q: What will happen to the new furniture and fabrication logos? And can we use them at the swing space building?

The school will get all new furniture in line with the 21st Century education standards once the building is renovated. The existing furniture will be used in the swing space since the previous swing users in the building were not high school students.

Q: What happens to after-school students regarding safety with their commute during the winter months as it gets darker earlier? Will transportation be considered, and if so, how?

We are still working out several of the details of the swing, and transportation is one of them. Keep in mind that the swing doesn't happen until 2025. We are planning for these much more in advance than typical, however, that means that all of the details are not worked out yet.

Q: Where will the track and football field practices take place, and will those programs operate the same?

We are still working out several of the details of the swing, and the off-site athletic fields are one of them. Keep in mind that the swing doesn't happen until 2025. We are planning for these much more in advance than typical, however, that means that all of the details are not worked out yet.

SWING SPACE QUESTIONS CONTINUED...

Q: If WHS fields may be available for use, does that mean they may have locker room access? Or would they need port-a-potties at the fields.

The locker rooms will not be accessible. Access to something to support for fields use will be determined as we proceed with seeing space plans.

Q: If an unforeseen complication delays either Western or Poly and requires an extension on the length of time in the swing space, does that impact the other school since they share critical common area spaces at the Cold Spring Campus?

If delays occur, a decision will be made as it impacts the entire campus. The project is being treated as one major project. Unfortunately, if there were unforeseen complications that would impact the construction that would impact both schools, yes.

Q: When are they moving out of the building?

Student and staff are expected to swing Summer 2025.

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