

Welcome to Your New Home, Matadors!

We're excited to announce that our new modernized spaces are complete and ready for students! Construction wrapped up in December and our teachers moved into the new building over winter break. While it has been incredibly exciting to see our students, teachers, team members and families—virtually and otherwise, we are looking forward to the day when we can all be together in these amazing spaces.

As part of the 2017 Bond Program, Murchison Middle School received funding for a new administrative space, media resource center and 6th grade addition, all of which are now complete. Additionally, we received new roofing and will be getting a new bus loop. Take a look at the photos below for a peek inside the new spaces on campus!



Above is the new media resource center.

Campus Design Features

We kicked off construction of our modernization project with a groundbreaking ceremony in May 2019, but the work started long before then with our Campus Architectural Team. The CAT, which included Murchison students, helped shape the design of the new spaces. Those spaces include a three-story 6th grade addition with classroom studios, makerspaces, science rooms, and open collaboration space. Renovations were also made to the media resource center and administration. The final outcome is a reflection of the time, hard work, and active engagement from the community and campus.

Inspired by rock formations and cliff dwellings, the design of the modernization reflects a site-specific response to the history of the school's location. Having once been a quarry, the remnants leave a dynamic grade change between Murchison and Doss Elementary.

The building's materials and color further the rock formation concept by acknowledging the surrounding natural environment with warm tones, neutrals and pops of color and light, like wells in a cavern. The interior design, seating nooks inspired by geodes, lighting that mimics stalactites, material applications that look like layered sediment, and angular flooring and ceiling geometry reinforce the concept of rock formations on an interactive scale for students.

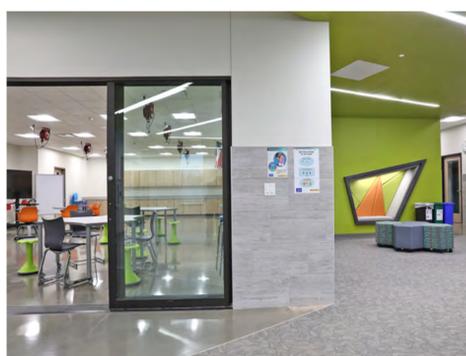
We are excited to welcome our Murchison Matadors to the new modernization!



Here's a sneak peek inside the administrative area and neighboring topography wall.

Save the Date!

While we are unable to safely gather in-person to celebrate the Murchison modernization, we are looking forward to hosting a virtual grand opening for the entire school community on **Monday, March 8 at 8:30 AM**. Mark your calendars and be sure to tune in via Zoom Webinar to see video footage of the new campus, remarks from AISD leadership and Principal Newton, and more. Additional event details will be shared soon.



Take a look inside the new 6th grade addition.

Get Involved

Stay up to date on this modernization project by visiting the bond website at AISDFuture.com/Schools/Murchison-MS.

If you have any questions about the 2017 Bond Program, please reach out to the bond communications team at 512-414-9595 or future@austinisd.org.