



# WEST ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL

## Project Statistics

**Project Type:** Addition & Renovation

**Completed:** April 2021

**Building Area:** 110,000 SF Addition

## Project Team

**Owner:** Greater Albany Public Schools

**Owner's Representative:** HMK

**Contractor:** Gerding Builders, LLC

**Architecture, Interior Design, Mechanical,  
and Electrical Engineering:** DLR Group

**Theater Design:** PLA Designs



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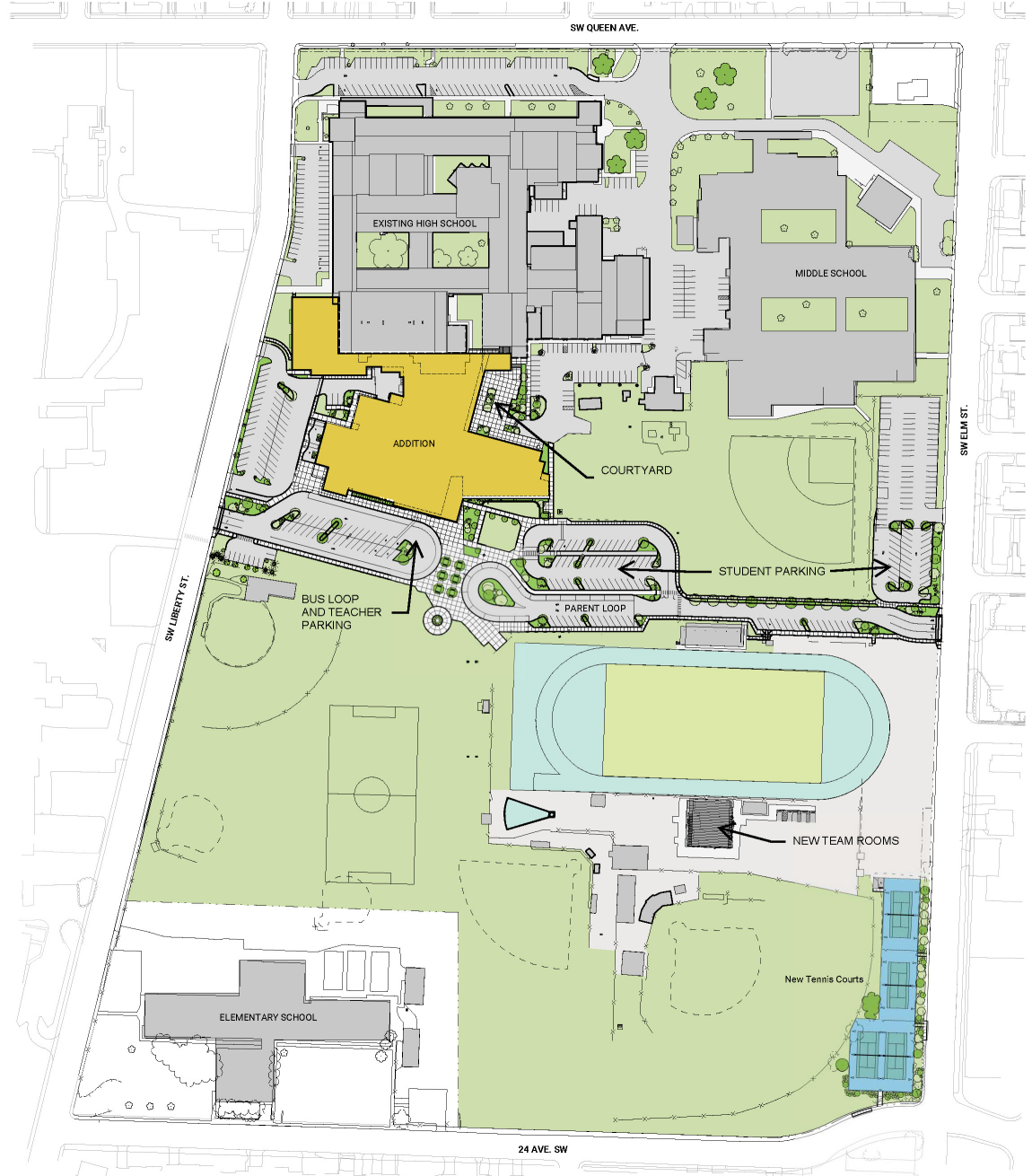
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West Albany High School  
Greater Albany Public Schools - Albany, OR







At nearly 70 years old, West Albany High School was in critical need of repair and expansion. Funded by the 2017 capital projects bond, this re-imagined campus has received a significant building addition containing a new administration wing, auxiliary gym, Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Art classrooms, and performing arts center (which is available for use by the entire district). A new, secure front entry welcomes students and community while offering access to a counseling center and administration offices. Further supporting students' interpersonal development and comfort, the new dining commons offers increased choice of seating options provided on two levels adjacent to the new kitchen and outdoor courtyard. The commons serves as a multi-functional community space that can host presentations or function as lobby space for the competition gym and auditorium.

The scope of work included a 110,000 SF addition. New specialized classrooms for CTE programs focus on visual and performing arts. This includes band, choir, drama, and stagecraft, as well as broadcast studio and digital lab, audio recording and mixing lab, art classrooms, and a hands-on learning lab to support all curricular classes. Health occupation classes are accommodated in the new auxiliary gym with adjacent sports medicine classroom. Additionally, the auditorium is designed to support sound and lighting design classes. Throughout the existing school infrastructure, critical upgrades, such as seismic improvements, have brought structural components up to code, improving safety, security, and long-term resilience. Outdoors, parking expansions and a new bus loop and parent drop-off area decrease congestion and facilitate daytime auditorium use by other district schools. Designed for the future, West Albany High School has also been master-planned to support the future replacement of science and library facilities, in addition to any needed classroom additions.