

Mustang Public Schools serve large portion of West OKC

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A large portion of western Oklahoma City belongs to the Mustang Public Schools District.

Mustang Schools added almost 1,200 students in the last year, with enrollment right around 13,300 this year.

BOND ISSUES CONTINUE THE MOMENTUM

The reputation of Mustang Schools is in evidenced with its continued growth in enrollment. The district has an average 10-year growth rate of 3.2 percent, ranging from a net gain of more than 200 students in one year to more than 1500. To accommodate this growth and to provide opportunities for kids, a long range planning committee began meeting in the fall of 2014. This committee of parents, business leaders and school staff worked for two years to project what the future needs of the district would be, and distilled those needs into a list compatible

with bonding capacity.

The History of MPS Bonding (Reverse Chronology)

On Valentine's Day 2017, MPS took a bond issue of \$180.8 million to patrons, and voters turned out in record number, despite the cold and rain, to cast their ballots affirming their support for the District.

The 2017 bond issue has made it possible to plan for the district's average student population growth with the new Riverwood Elementary (opened in August 2018), Meadowbrook Intermediate School (also opened in August 2018) and Mustang Central Middle School (opening in August 2019). Capacity on the high school campus was also increased with a new freshman cafeteria, eight classrooms, a science academy for upper-level courses and a new visual and performing arts center.

"[We are] so grateful for the overwhelming support from our community," then Superintendent Dr. Sean McDaniel said.

"Once again [the citizens of Mustang] made the students and staff of the Mustang School District a priority. The passage of this historic \$180.8 mil-

lion bond election is a clear message to all in the district that our patrons want our students and staff to have what they need to be successful. We had a record turnout for a school bond election and a record number of 'yes' votes. I want to personally thank everyone who took the time to vote." Current Superintendent Charles Bradley echoes that sentiment at just about every community event as he thanks our community for their continued support.

Just prior to this historic vote, an operational bond of \$4.5 million was approved in the spring of 2016. While the State weathered its financial crisis that cut into the allocations of public schools, Mustang was able to provide for its students and take care of its facilities thanks to the voters. The bond purchased textbooks, additional heating and air conditioning repair and repair to facilities such as repaving of the high school parking lot, resurfacing two tracks and the purchase of additional technology.

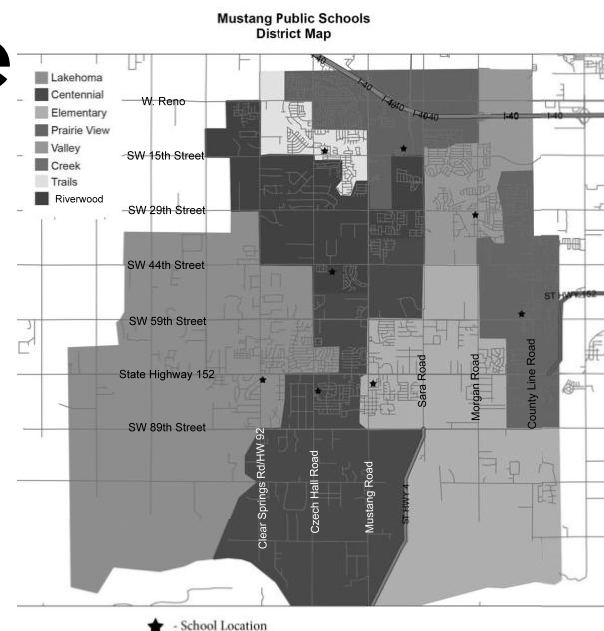
At Mustang High School, the doors opened on the MHS Event Center in November 2015. With surround seating, the building is nearly triple the size of the previous gym, which was constructed in 1964, more than 50 years ago. The Event Center made it

possible to host the community as it honored the 1345th Transportation Company at their deployment ceremony in September 2016.

District officials are continually grateful for the support of Mustang voters, who approved a \$7 million bond issue in February 2014 that provided \$1.6 million in additional STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) opportunities, \$375,000 for the arts, a new home for the district's nationally recognized JROTC program, a new vocational-agriculture barn and a baseball/softball practice facility. Other funds from that bond issue went toward a storm shelter at Mustang Education Center and additional sheltering opportunities at Mustang High School. Another \$800,000 went to the purchase of land for a new school site.

Mustang Schools enjoyed the August 2014 opening of its seventh elementary school, Prairie View Elementary on 59th Street near County Line Road. The new elementary was part of the 2012 bond issue and is helping MPS keep pace with the district's unprecedented growth rate.

The 2012 bond issue also made it possible to open two new intermediate centers in the 2013-2014 school year to serve the district's fifth and sixth grade students.



Combined Elementary Maps

A new facility, Canyon Ridge Intermediate School, was constructed on Sara Road. The former Mustang Mid-High (which was originally built as a middle school in 1970) was renovated into a second intermediate school, Horizon Intermediate. The fifth and sixth grade centers eased overcrowding in district elementary schools and middle schools, while still keeping students of similar education and developmental levels together.

Also from the 2012 bond issue, Mustang Elementary moved out of its 1976 gym, with the bare patches in the ceiling, and into a new one. The old gym was renovated into a large music room with an office and storage area. Vocational Agriculture also received a new barn which opened in January 2017, more than doubling the program's current capacity. The original barn, which remains in use, was constructed more than 30 years ago.

MUSTANG: WHERE EVERYONE'S A BRONCO

Mustang Public Schools enjoys the status of being one of the premier school districts in Oklahoma. Thanks to the continued support of the voters over the years, the district enjoys quality facilities and expanding opportunities for its students. It's also a district where, from pre-kindergarten to the walk across the stage at graduation, everyone is a Bronco. It's a unique continuity, gradually blending all corners of the district into one high school that is a shining star in the community.

Mustang's Board of Education has been devoted to maintaining the cohesiveness of the community by serving all the students at one premier high school instead splitting the community and district resources with the creation of a new

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