



Executive Summary

To ensure we coordinate and align all resources and actions with our Mission, Vision, Core Values, and Student Goals, our work at Auburn-Washburn is guided by a five-year strategic plan, **Strategic Plan 2026**. Developed with feedback and input from hundreds of Auburn-Washburn stakeholders, the plan allows us to continue "inspiring, challenging, and preparing every child, every day."

Students are the heart of every decision we make at Auburn-Washburn. The first two strategic plan goals are student-centered – to improve the academic performance of each student and to develop "Portrait of a Learner" attributes with each student. We made great progress toward these goals in 2023-24 by:

- Implementing a Family and Community Engagement program that connects families to support resources for physical, behavioral, and mental health.
- Expanding new courses and pathways at the high school level. For example, the newly-implemented Biomedical Research Lab enables students to earn nationally-recognized biomedical assistant credentials, and the International Baccalaureate Business Management course in the Marketing pathway allows students additional opportunities to earn college credit.
- Adopting a tiered-expansion model to increase opportunities for early childhood education, with one classroom being added for the 2024-2025 school year (approx. 22 students) and 2-3 classrooms being added per year after that until we reach an overall enrollment of approx. 500 students.

Student achievement results may be viewed at: datacentral.ksde.org/acct_rept.

In addition to student-centered goals, the following areas were identified as District Opportunities: Birth to Age 5; Social-Emotional Needs; Instruction and Programming; Career and Technical Education; and School Capacity and Configuration. These opportunities were the primary reason the Board of Education voted unanimously to hold a bond election. Due to tremendous support from our school community, on April 12, 2022, the bond election passed with 61% voter support, allowing Auburn-Washburn to engage in \$145 million in capital improvements.

Here is a brief summary of bond projects that moved through design development and into construction during the 2023-24 school year. Each bond project is being approached with the following in mind: **Innovation. Opportunity. Excellence.**



Washburn Rural High School

The Innovation Center will provide additional career and technical education opportunities and business partnerships for high school students.



Washburn Rural North Middle School | Washburn Rural Middle School

When Washburn Rural North Middle School opens for the 2025-26 school year, there will be two appropriately sized middle schools, each serving just over 600 sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-graders. While WRNMS is under construction, WRMS is undergoing significant renovations and upgrades. Both schools will be state-of-the-art when completed.



Pauline Central | Indian Hills | Jay Shideler

A six-room early childhood center and Parents as Teachers community room were added to Pauline Central and existing classrooms were renovated. Indian Hills and Jay Shideler underwent the design phase, with construction expected to begin in early 2025.