



The Cottages at Lucy Beckham High School

Lucy Beckham High School is growing! We are excited to be at full expansion with our first Senior class for the 2022-2023 school year. Our new class of Bengals and enrollment from new families in the Beckham zone has pushed our projected enrollment to approximately 1750 for the new year. Our current building capacity is approximately 1500, so we are also expanding our learning spaces with the addition of a modular extension of eight classrooms. We affectionately call this "the cottages"! While this was an unexpected need, it is a sign of how well LBHS is doing, and we are thankful for the board and district support to add this space for our students and the growing community.

Are these cottages like the old trailers we are familiar with?

No. This is a brand new modular building with eight classrooms. Each classroom is approximately 800 sq ft. and will have the same furniture and technology as our current classrooms. The cottages also have a center hall, restrooms, bottle fillers/water fountains, and a custodial area.

Will certain grades go to the cottages?

Because students take so many different classes in high school, we do not group classrooms by grade level.

What classes will be in the cottages?

It will vary depending on the need, but we plan to have block classes to reduce the number of transitions in and out of the main building.

What kind of security will be in the cottages? The security will be the same as in the main building with locked doors, security cameras inside and outside, and video intercoms for access control. The perimeter fencing on the campus will be expanded to encompass the cottages. There are two drive through gates to allow emergency vehicle access, in addition to two pedestrian gates that are required for pedestrian emergency exits. Lucy Beckham High School has a team of administrators, Bengal Guides (student concerns specialists), and school resource officers who will supervise and monitor the cottages just like the main building.

Is the ventilation system going to allow for fresh, healthy air (oxygen v CO2)? Is there filtration that helps prevent the spread of viruses? Yes! The cottages have wall hung heat pump units by AirSys for each classroom as well as one each for the bathroom units. These units automatically cycle in fresh air and have Merv 13 filters.

The extension is taking up parking spaces. Why were they not located on a grass area? Every available space on the campus was considered including grassy areas, but the architects decided on the location based on utility needs and ability to properly install the unit. By using an already existing hard surface, the project should be completed faster. Since they are also temporary, we will be able to use the area again for parking when they are removed.