



Westlawn Elementary School – LRMP Priority Needs

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The following list of “Priority Needs” at the **Westlawn Elementary School** was compiled and created using all the collected data from the staff, student, parent and community focus groups held over the past few months. The identified themes and subsequent needs will serve as a guide to support potential solutions.

Increase Building Capacities

- Additional classrooms to increase flexibility of scheduling.
- More classrooms/learning spaces to allow for more class offerings.
- Additional classrooms to accommodate for projected enrollment increases.
- Larger classrooms to support flexible, collaborative, project-based learning.
- More storage throughout the school.

Teaching and Learning / Program

- Adaptable, transformable, and movable teaching spaces.
- Flexible furniture to promote creative and innovative learning opportunities.
- Increase storage to maximize classroom learning spaces.
- Add makerspaces, Project Lead The Way (PLTW) and Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) programs to further critical thinking and problem solving skills.
- Spaces to allow opportunities for different courses (orchestra) and larger student projects.
- Media room/broadcast space for media club.
- Improve opportunities for outdoor learning (classroom).

Cafeteria Spaces and Large Group Assembly Spaces

- Dedicated multi-purpose space for all-school activities.
- Breakout spaces and large group instruction to prevent instructional interruptions during lunch time.

Collaboration and Breakout Spaces

- Flexible breakout spaces for small groups, academic interventions/enrichment and staff collaboration.
- Flexible furniture in the Instructional Media Center (IMC) to facilitate small group learning and create a “learning hub”.



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Community Access

- Develop multi-use space for: students before and after school; four-year-old kindergarten students opposite their school day; community groups and student activities.
- Spaces that allow for increased/ continued interaction and partnerships with community, industry, and businesses.
- Community controlled access separate from the rest of the building.

Natural Light, Windows and Views of Nature

- Natural light via windows and doors to maximize student engagement.

Traffic Flow, Circulation, Parking, Drop-off and Pick-up

- Improved parking lot configuration to support more parking spaces and improve safety and traffic pattern.
- Improve safety of foot traffic and automobile flow.

Safety, Security and Infrastructure

- Control access at all building entryways.
- Provide interior cameras in hallways.
- Improve traffic flow through parking lot and surrounding roadways.
- Level playground spaces with drainage capability to improve safety and increase usable outdoor spaces.