

Hondo ISD  
Voting Locations & Dates

Location, Dates, and Hours  
of Main Early Voting Polling Place

Early Voting   April 27 – May 5, 2015

Medina County Elections Office  
1202 14th Street  
Hondo, Texas 78861

Mon-Wed	April 27 - April 29, 2015	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday	April 30, 2015	8:00 am - 9:00 pm
Friday	May 1, 2015	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	May 2, 2015	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Monday	May 4, 2015	7:00 am - 9:00 pm
Tuesday	May 5, 2015	7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Applications for voting by mail should be mailed to be received  
no earlier than March 10, 2015 and no later than the close of  
business (5:00 p.m.) on April 30, 2015

Applications should be mailed to:

Patricia Barton  
Medina County Elections Administrator  
1202 14th Street  
Hondo, Texas 78861

Election Day Polling Locations

May 9, 2015   7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Medina County Precincts

1A, 1B, 1D, 3A,  
3B, 3D & 4A

Polling Location

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persons 65 years old or older, who have  
a qualified homestead exemption, to be exempt  
from a school district property tax increase.*



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2604 Avenue E  
Hondo, Texas 78861

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Hondo Independent School District

Informational Brochure About the  
May 9, 2015 Bond Election

A Letter from the Superintendent

As you may be aware, the Board of Trustees for Hondo ISD called for a bond election at their meeting on February 23, for May 9, 2015. This is a “single issue” bond election. There will be only one proposition to consider.

Beginning in March of 2014, the District initiated a long range facility planning effort. With the help of a task force, made up of community members, a thorough analysis of facility utilization, capacity and educational adequacy was performed. In addition, student enrollment trends were reviewed.

As a result, the task force recommended that the District consider a comprehensive program, including additions and/or renovations to all of Hondo ISD’s facilities. The proposed capital expenditures will address educational mandates, capacity and programs district wide.

This brochure has been developed to provide information to the community regarding the upcoming bond election. Please take a moment to review the information contained herein. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the HISD Administration.

Sincerely,  
Dr. A'Lann Truelock  
Superintendent, Hondo Independent School District

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de contactar a (830) 426-3027*

Tax Rate Comparison

Area School District Tax Rates 2014-2015	
Floresville	\$1.4900
Falls City	\$1.4356
Lytle	\$1.4200
Poteet	\$1.4190
Medina Valley	\$1.3882
La Vernia	\$1.3800
Northside	\$1.3755
Devine	\$1.3700
Natalia	\$1.3582
Knippa	\$1.3100
D'Hanis	\$1.3048
Marion	\$1.2800
Somerset	\$1.2780
Pearsall*	\$1.2750
Crystal City*	\$1.2518
Uvalde	\$1.2427
Bandera	\$1.1700
Jourdanton*	\$1.1700
Charlotte*	\$1.1590
<b>Hondo**</b>	<b>\$1.1400</b>
Pleasanton*	\$1.1300
Luling*	\$1.1140
Carrizo Springs*	\$1.1022
Sabinal	\$0.8700

\*These districts had a taxable valuation increase  
of at least 25% in 2013-14 fiscal year.

\*\*Prior to the tax impact as a result of issuing the  
proposed bonds.



Facts & Questions

Quick Facts:

- Hondo High School was originally constructed in 1955
- Over 500 students currently participate in Ag or Career & Technology related curriculum
  - Over 250 students participate in Art & Fine Arts
  - Over 150 students participate in Band
- McDowell Middle School was constructed in 1970
- McDowell Middle School currently serves over 500 students with only two science labs
- Meyer Elementary School was originally constructed in 1956
- Current PK-1st grade classrooms at Meyer Elementary School do not meet State standards for size

Why did the District call for a bond election now?

House Bill 5 (HB 5), passed by the Texas Legislature in 2013, made substantial changes to the state’s curriculum and graduation requirements. HB 5 restructured the state’s graduation requirements, moving from the “4x4” graduation plan to a 22-credit Foundation High School Program that allows students to earn endorsements in specific areas of study by completing four additional credits. The endorsements include STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math); business & industry; public service; arts & humanities; and multidisciplinary studies. The recommendations from the task force provide a mechanism to address these changes in curriculum. Additionally, the recommendations provide space for all grades and for instructional objectives at all campuses compliant with State guidelines; fine arts; and, athletics for current and future enrollment based on projections.

How will the bonds be paid for?

Each year the Board of Trustees sets a tax rate in two parts. One part M&O (Maintenance & Operations) is used to cover operating costs (salaries, supplies, equipment, utilities, etc.). The second part, I&S (Interest & Sinking) pays off principal and interest due on the bonds. The issuance of Bonds that are the subject of the election are estimated to have a maximum impact on the District’s I&S rate of \$0.255/\$100 of taxable value. Refer to the “Tax Impact Analysis” section for estimated costs based on various home values.

Will my taxes go up if I am 65 years old or older?

No. The Texas Constitution provides for persons 65 years old or older, who have a qualified homestead exemption, to be exempt from a school district property tax increase.

Tax Impact Analysis

Home Value	Monthly Increase	Annual Increase
\$50,000	\$7.44	\$89.25
\$80,000*	\$13.81	\$165.75
\$100,000	\$18.06	\$216.75
\$150,000	\$28.69	\$344.25

\*Average HISD home value  
Assumes \$15,000 annual homestead exemption.  
Assumes bonds issued for 30 years at a rate of 3.8%. Interest rate is subject to change.  
Estimated increase to the current I&S tax rate is \$0.255 per \$100 in taxable value

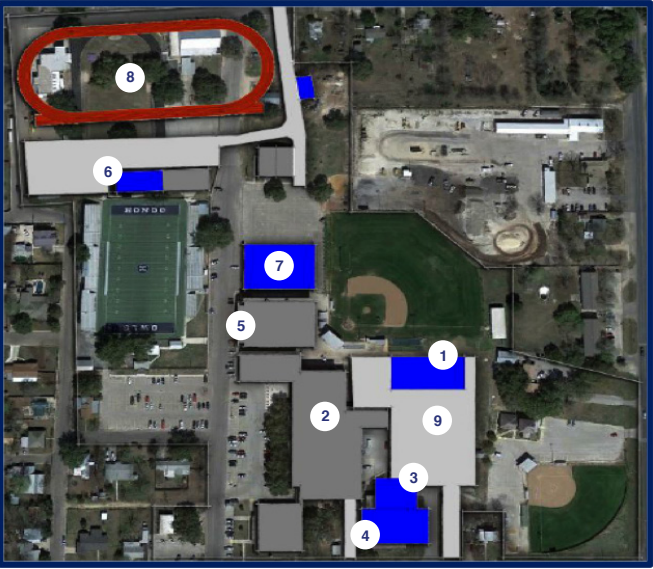


Hondo ISD – May 9, 2015 Bond Election

1 Proposition - \$33,800,000

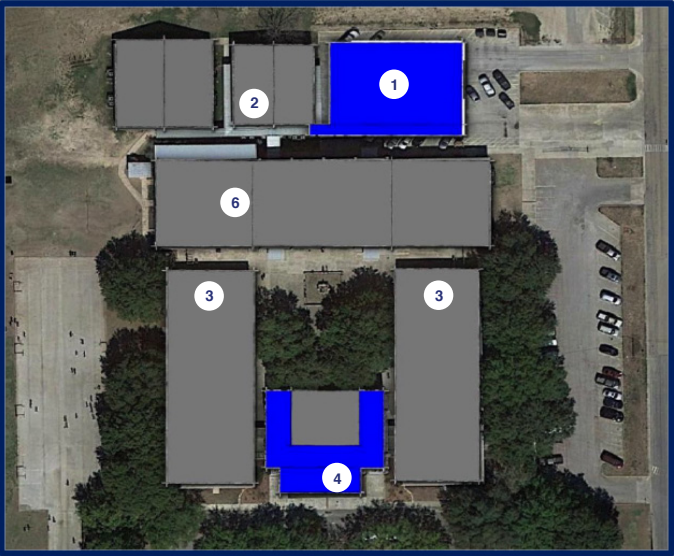


Hondo High School Additions & Renovations



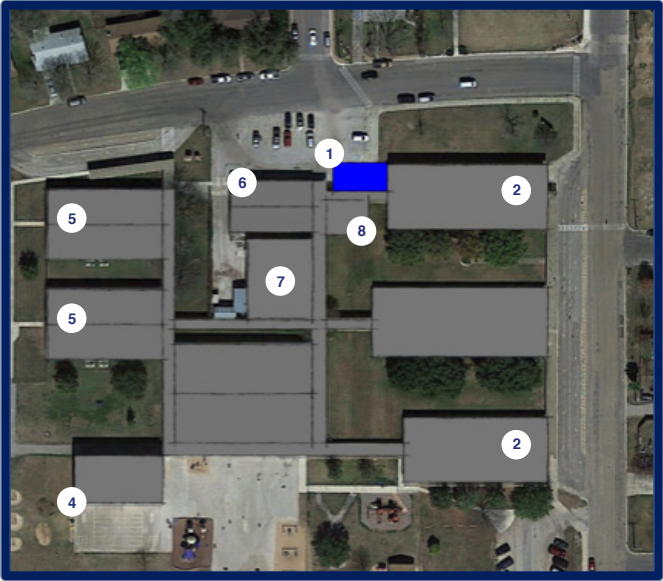
- 1 New Career & Technology Education & Ag Facility – Includes 4 classrooms for Ag Welding, Ag Woodworking/Construction Trades, FFA & a multi-purpose classroom, computer lab, and shops for welding, woodworking and construction trades.
- 2 Science Lab Renovation – Repurpose existing Art to a science lab
- 3 New Band Hall
- 4 New Student & Community Fine Arts Center – Seating for 600 w/ UIL compliant stage. Also includes new Art room.
- 5 Activity Center Renovations – Includes handicap Access to 4 classrooms on second floor along with demolition of stage, repurposing the space for 3 classrooms.
- 6 Addition to Frank Holden Field House to replace the Freshmen Field House
- 7 New Student Athletic Center – Includes gym, dressing rooms to support boys & girls athletics, training room and support spaces. Center will also provide public access to restrooms for baseball.
- 8 New UIL Compliant Track with supporting restrooms/concessions.
- 9 New Marching Band Practice Area
- 10 New bell/intercom system; upgrade fire alarm; and reroute Avenue H

McDowell Middle School Additions & Renovations



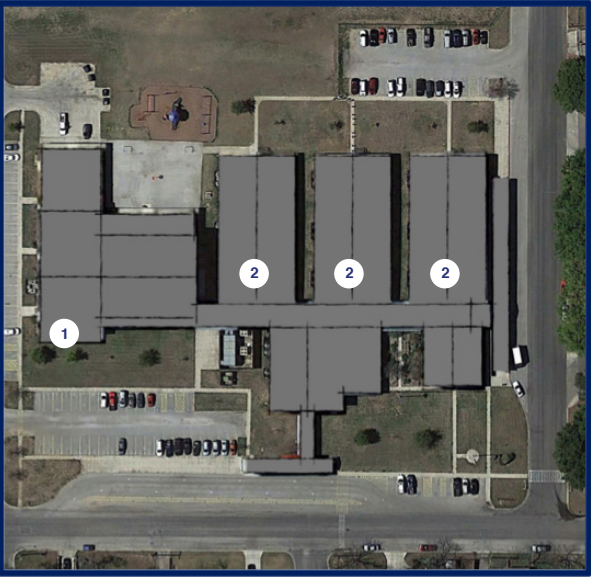
- 1 New Addition – Includes 2 new Science Lab/Classroom combinations, new Art room, and student and staff restrooms.
- 2 Conversion of existing Art room to practice rooms and storage for Band.
- 3 Renovation of existing Science Labs
- 4 Relocation of Administration downstairs w/secure entry. Expansion of library upstairs, including two Computer labs.
- 5 Campus wide HVAC replacement; electrical upgrades to support technology; upgrades to bells/intercom; and upgrades to fire alarms.
- 6 Renovation of existing restrooms and dressing rooms for handicap accessibility.

Meyer Elementary School Additions & Renovations



- 1 Administration Addition/Renovation – Includes secured entry, Counselor’s office, conference room for Staff and ARD meetings, and Staff restrooms with changing stations.
- 2 Renovation of classroom wings to match 2nd Grade wing. All classrooms to be 800sf to comply with State requirements for PK-1st Grade. New music room.
- 3 Campus wide fire alarm upgrade, re-roof canopies, and improve site drainage.
- 4 Install HVAC in gym.
- 5 Casework renovation in classrooms for improved storage
- 6 Repurpose existing Music (Rm 302) for a Computer lab.
- 7 Cafeteria Renovation – includes replacing exterior windows and providing acoustical treatment.
- 8 Restroom renovation in existing Administration for handicap accessibility.

Woolls Intermediate School Renovations



- 1 Replace gym floor
- 2 Remove plastic laminate lavatory counters outside student restrooms and replace.

District Support Services

New Transportation Facility to replace existing  
New Maintenance & Central Warehousing Facility