



ELHS BUILDING PROJECT

2024 Fall Student/Parent Quick Guide

Dear East Longmeadow HS Students and Parents,

Exciting progress has been made on the new building construction since the start of summer. We look forward to welcoming our students and families back while accommodating the new school construction. Students and parents returning to school this fall should be aware of the recent changes on school grounds.

Please see the questionnaire below for pertinent information and refer to the logistics plan on page 4 to view site impacts and active construction zones.

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ELHS Building Project Questionnaire

Q. How will I access the school when I return?

A. In the fall of 2024 buses, and staff will arrive at school via the front bus loop off Maple Street. Student parking and parent drop-off will be in the existing parking lot. The construction access driveway will be closed from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. to ensure the entrance of Maple Street is dedicated to school bus traffic during drop-off. All traffic to the Central Administration Office will come through the main school entrance. There will be no vehicular access via the Norden Street Neighborhood.

Q. Will I enter the school at the same location I always have?

A. The Main Entrance, off Maple Street, will remain the primary entrance. Visitors and staff wishing to visit the Central Administration Office will come through the high school's main entrance.

Q. If I walk to school, will there be any changes to my usual route?

A. The crosswalk at the west side of the bus loop was removed to allow construction traffic to enter and exit at this location. All pedestrians should use the crosswalk with the flashing pedestrian sign on the east side of the bus loop. Pedestrians will not be allowed to access the school from Norden Street due to the construction access crossing.

Q. If I get dropped off/picked up, will my driver go to the usual location?

A. There will be no changes to student drop off and pick up for the 2024-2025 school year.



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- Q. If I drive to school, will there be any parking available?
- A. All students and visitors must park in the existing school parking lot to the west of the bus loop. Visitors, school staff, and central admin staff will park in the new temporary lot at the front of the school.
- Q. How will I know where the construction zone is?
- A. A chain-link fence will delineate the construction zone. Signage will alert students and visitors and will direct pedestrian and vehicular traffic where necessary.
- Q. Will I be allowed to be in the construction area at any time?
- A. No, keeping students and staff safe is our top priority. Because of this, only the construction and project team members will be allowed inside the construction zone. The fence line will separate the existing school and construction areas.
- Q. What construction activities will be happening in the fall?
- A. Construction will start inside the construction fence with excavation for foundations followed by structural steel.
- Q: What construction activities were completed this summer?
- A. This past summer, construction fencing, construction access road, contractor parking, the temporary visitor/staff parking lot, temporary signage, and striping was installed. Utility relocation and other necessary site-enabling work was completed to allow the building construction to begin.
- Q. What athletic fields will be available during the school year?
- A. The stadium, three tennis courts, JV baseball field, and soccer fields are currently available through the end of the school year.
- Q. Will the construction be noisy?
- A. Minimizing school disruption is a top goal of the project. Additionally, the School Administration and the Construction Project Team are in constant contact when and if there is a concern. Testing days are discussed well in advance to minimize the impact on students and staff.
- Q. How will I know what is going on in the construction zone?
- A. The project website will be updated throughout the project with progress reports and photos to keep the students and the community informed. Monthly Construction Updates will be posted on the project website, <https://www.eastlongmeadowma.gov/elhsbuildingproject>, the last Friday of each month.



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Q. If I have any questions/comments/concerns, who can I talk to?

- A. Students and parents can always speak with the ELHS Principal, Frank Paige. Questions and concerns regarding the project can also be emailed to elhsbuildingproject@eastlongmeadowma.gov. Please contact Richard L'Heureux, Skanska Site Representative, for immediate on-site assistance at (617) 259-0671.

This is an exciting time at East Longmeadow High School! The ELHS Construction and Design team is working hard to bring you a brand-new high school.

Please see East Longmeadow HS Fall 2024 Logistics provided on the following page (page 4).

EAST LONGMEADOW HIGH SCHOOL



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL | FALL 2024



LOGISTICS DETAILS

01 BUS LOOP AND CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE

All school traffic should keep left to enter the front bus loop and parking area. Construction entrance and exit will use the right side of the widened driveway.

02 STAFF/VISITOR PARKING

A new temporary parking lot will be established over the summer and be open for staff and visitors.

03 STUDENT PARKING

The student parking lot will remain open during the 2024-2025 school year.

04 NORDEN ST ENTRANCE

Norden Street entrance is closed to all public traffic. Access to the central admin office is available through the main entrance.

05 JV BASEBALL/SOCCER

Both fields will re-open for the start of the school year.

06 STADIUM ACCESS

The stadium will remain opened along with 3 tennis courts.

Scan QR Code to visit the project website for additional project information.

