

## **Educational Suitability Summary Report**

Delco Activity Center

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Delco Activity Center hosts various AISD events including basketball, volleyball, wrestling and graduation ceremonies. The facility was originally constructed in 2002 in northeast Austin. The facility comprises approximately 60,290 square feet on a 44-acre site. The complex has adequate support spaces and functions very well. In addition to hosting AISD events, this facility has acted as a COVID-19 vaccination center and has hosted City of Austin police dog training sessions, state robotics and LEGO tournaments, El Mundo community outreach, and U.S. naturalization ceremonies.

The facility has a spectator capacity of 5,520. The infrastructure and parking spaces are adequate. The main storage space is a hub for some north-side high schools to receive equipment. This takes up some of the storage space and the portable basketball goals are moved to the stairway foyers. Storage needs to be assessed due to the requirements of different campuses that use this facility. There are four entry foyers, two on the east side and two on the west side. These foyers also serve as ticketing areas that can become congested under full occupancy.

### **Interview Overview**

AISD interviewees included Kevin Hendrickson, Leal Anderson, Lou Mora, Lynn Pool and Tamey Williams Hill. They mentioned several areas of concern. Older technology in the conference rooms is not reliable and needs updating. The bleachers tend to trap food, which creates pest issues with flies and other rodents. Maintenance is difficult due to the number of islands in the parking lots. Drainage is becoming a problem due to structural concerns with the foundation. The drainage issue is apparent on the south and west sides.

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There is a desire to have automatic bleachers for the lower sections, eliminating the need for heavy machinery to expand the bleachers. The manual bleachers are a constant maintenance concern. Replacing them with automatic bleachers could solve many maintenance issues. The campus staff indicated that the facility is used by many organizations (both internal and external), and additions that include conference rooms would give them more opportunities to rent out the facility.

The sound system is in need of an upgrade, and A/V needs to be updated and integrated. Wireless microphones and speakers have connection issues. Some visiting departments use their own systems due to concerns the existing system is not reliable. Scoreboard locations make it difficult for all spectators to see.

The exterior of the facility is in good condition overall. It was noted during the interview that if any renovations or changes occur, steps should be taken to preserve the exterior graphics.

**Supporting Photographs**



Main arena has manual bleachers in the lower section, which are hard to operate. Picture shows arena functioning as a site for COVID-19 vaccinations.



Foyer doubles as a ticketing area. The area under the stairs is used as extra storage space and sometimes takes up space from the foyer.

**Supporting Photographs**



*Locker room needs updates as well as additional storage.*



*Training room needs updates and resources to function properly.*

**Supporting Photographs**



*Main storage area also serves as a storage space for some high school gym equipment.*



*Main Storage Area: Finding free floor space is difficult at times, due to district deliveries.*

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*Storage area shares space with electrical panels and mechanical equipment. This makes it hard to do maintenance and stored items need to be moved.*



*Overall exterior of the building is in good shape. Facility takes pride in the exterior graphics and the staff says they should be preserved.*