

Facilities Facts

To help inform the Elmbrook community on high school facilities topics.

Needs of Specialty Spaces–Athletic Activities Brookfield Central and Brookfield East High Schools

“With the addition of field houses at our high schools, all athletic teams could practice on-site and finish by early evening. Gym space would then be available for community use, including potential expansion of Brookfield and Elm Grove Parks and Recreation programming.”

*–Bill Kolstad
City of Brookfield Director of
Parks and Recreation*

“The Elmbrook Swim Club is prepared to partner with the Elmbrook School District on pool renovations at Brookfield Central High School to ensure quality aquatics facilities that will benefit the entire community.”

*–Dave Severance
Elmbrook Swim Club*

Athletics in the Current Facilities

- Many student athletes practice until 9:30pm, which impacts study time.
- Two thirds of Brookfield East volleyball and basketball teams, as well as the Brookfield Central cheerleading and pom pon teams practice off-site at elementary schools and the Central Administrative Office. These off-site practices leave coaches unsupported and without help in the event of an emergency. They also limit local community use of the elementary school facilities.
- Hallways and cafeterias at both high schools are used for athletic practices, particularly in early spring until weather conditions become favorable outdoors. These locations are not as safe as gym space and their use for athletic practices competes with academic activities such as debate and forensics.
- Off-season training occurs in the hallways, as there is no other indoor running area.
- Locker rooms have group showers in contrast to the current expectation and norm of individual shower stalls.
- Both schools lack sufficient locker space for athletes involved in fall sports.
- There is no room at either high school to offer intramurals to students that are not involved in interscholastic athletic teams.
- Neither school gym has seating capacity to host sectional basketball tournaments.
- During the two summer months before athletics begin the second week of August, gym usage continues with basketball and volleyball camps, summer physical education class, and two weeks of floor resurfacing.

Compare and Contrast

- Brookfield Central currently has one large gym (two teaching stations) and one small gym (one teaching station), which would remain the same with Referendum Question 1.
- Brookfield East currently has one large gym (two teaching stations), which would double in size with Referendum Question 1.
- Field houses (four-station gyms with a running track) are part of existing high school facilities in Cedarburg, Cudahy, Homestead, Milwaukee Lutheran, New Berlin West, Watertown, all three Waukesha high schools, West Allis Central, and Whitefish Bay.

Referendum Question #1

Would provide light remodeling of the large gym and heavy remodeling of the small gym at Brookfield Central and would provide an additional two-station gym at Brookfield East.

Referendum Question #2

Would expand the large gym to the north to provide a four-station field house at Brookfield Central and would expand the additional two-station gym to a four-station field house at Brookfield East.

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