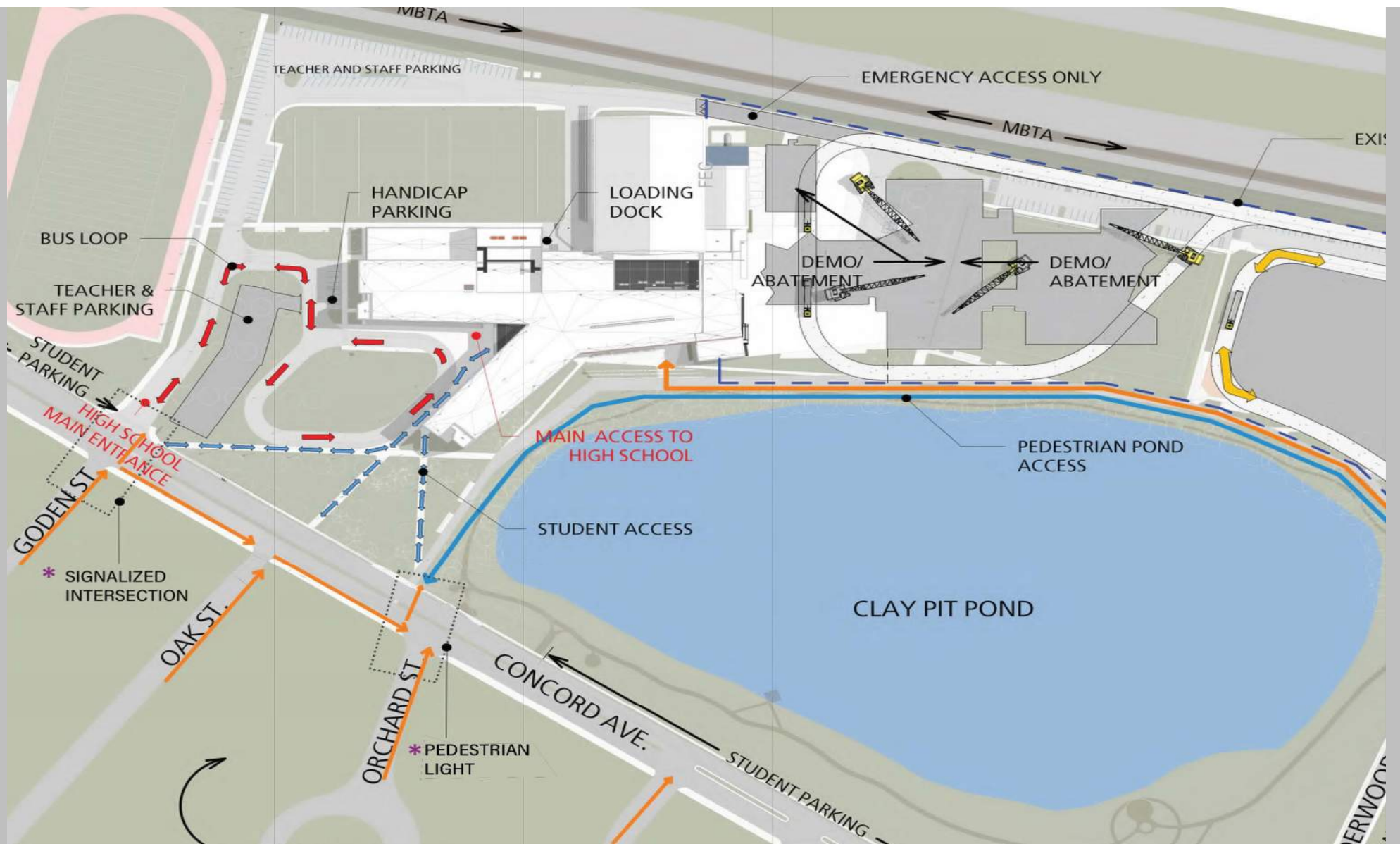


Belmont High School

Getting to and from school





The new BHS Campus will open for the start of school, and we are excited that all of our students will have access to a state of the art learning environment. While the school will open, the building project will continue. For the next two years, we will have to work around the continuing construction of the Belmont Middle-High School. Below, please find guidance about getting to and from school. Throughout the year, we will continue to review conditions for bikers, walkers, and drivers, in consultation with the Belmont Police, to ensure everyone's safety.

The School Site

Belmont High School is accessible by foot/bicycle using the three (3) paved walkways spaced along Concord Ave: one across from Concord and Oak, one across Concord and Goden, and one across from Concord and Orchard. Students cycling to school should walk their bikes once on school grounds, as we expect the footpaths to be crowded in the morning and at dismissal.

Student Drop-off /Pickup

Non-staff vehicles will not be allowed to enter the school site for drop-off (7:00 and 8:15) or pickup (2:00-3:00), except for handicap access (please email Joan Paras for a pass). If you must drive your student to school, you will need to drop them off on Concord Ave. There is no designated drop-off point along Concord Ave, yet, so please use safety and caution when dropping your child off. In order to reduce congestion, we recommend that parents and students decide on a drop-off and/or pick up location close to the school that students can safely walk to and from.

Cycling to School

We support students cycling to school. When cycling, please keep in mind that Belmont's streets and sidewalks are congested. Be safe, and keep others safe. You may ride bicycles on sidewalks (except where there are storefronts) but you must dismount your bike or slow down when encountering groups of pedestrians. Remember, walkers may not hear you coming up behind them. When using the dedicated bike lane along Concord Ave., be mindful that there are parked cars to your right, and an active travel lane on your left.



Walking to School

When walking to school please be mindful of traffic and cyclists. Cross roads at designated crossing points only.



Driving to School

There will be no student parking on site. We recommend that you only drive to school if you have no other option. There will be a limited number of student permit-parking spaces available along Concord Ave. Permits for these spaces will be decided by lottery. We currently have 100 spaces allocated, so we will begin with a senior lottery. The first 100 students drawn will receive a parking permit. All students who enter the lottery will be numbered, and if more spaces become available, we will issue additional permits in number order. Having a parking permit does not guarantee a space. Students parked illegally are liable to being ticketed or towed.

Suggested Walking/Cycling Routes to school

When travelling from the Winn Brook area of Town via Brighton Street, cross the tracks and turn right on to Hittinger Street. At the end of Hittinger, use the pedestrian path around the pond and enter the school through the Orchard Street entrance. Please be aware that Hittinger and Underwood are active work sites with moving vehicles and machinery.

When travelling from the Wellington/Chenery neighborhoods, take School Street to Goden, Orchard, or Oak Street. Use the designated crossings to enter the school site. There is a new cross light at Concord and Goden, and a crossing guard at Concord and Orchard.

When traveling from the center under the rail bridge, stay on the high school side of Concord Ave to enter the school.