

# Uxbridge High School NEASC Concerns

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NEASC identified the following shortcomings with the high school facility that “limit the opportunities for all students to achieve their potential.”

- Replace and upgrade HVAC system
  - Examples: poor air quality in some math rooms; poor climate control in auditorium; the attached computer lab (by library) is not air-conditioned
- Windowless instructional areas
- Expanded space for library/media center
- Many classrooms do not meet minimum square footage requirements
- Science labs are small
- Need for computer labs, workrooms, testing areas, and common planning area for teachers to work collaboratively
- Inadequate storage space
  - Examples: inadequate storage in science labs; inadequate storage for musical equipment; limited storage space for educational equipment and teaching materials
- Music classes taught in the auditorium
- Poor locker room space
- Inadequate gym facility
- Inadequate parking
- Limits the opportunity for cooperative learning

NEASC evaluates the facility based upon the program and curriculum delivery needs for high school students. As you look at the items above, only the first item, “upgrade HVAC”, *would need to be completed* if the present high school building is to be used for our students in grades 6-8. There is adequate square footage for the windowless instructional areas to be used for storage, testing areas, computer labs, and common planning areas. The library, gym, and locker rooms are adequately sized for middle schools and comparable to Whitin. The music program facilities at Whitin are very *limited*. The *high school* building would provide an auditorium for our middle school students and additional space for our music program. Whitin has as many undersized classrooms as the high school facility. Parking would be adequate since student parking is not an issue for middle school students.