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High school athletics are supported by a district wide facility, the Brady Street Athletic Complex, which houses Brady Stadium. Brady Stadium is a multi-sport venue used for football, soccer track and field events. High school league competition football and track events for all three comprehensive high schools are held at Brady. The Brady Street Athletic Complex is also home to Central High School’s baseball, softball and tennis facilities. Baseball and softball for West High are located at the West Kimberly Center. West has on campus facilities for other sports, basketball, tennis and practice. League competition football for the Falcons is played at Brady Stadium.

North High also has tennis, basketball, baseball and softball facilities for league competition on campus with practice facilities for track and field, soccer and football. Competition football and track events for the Wildcats are held at Brady Stadium.
Brady Stadium is currently the 13th largest football venue in Iowa with a seating capacity of 10,000. It is the second largest seating capacity for a high stadium in Iowa. Development of facilities at Brady reportedly began in 1926. The aerial photo below is dated 1937.

A campus master plan is under development for the Brady Street Athletic Complex that proposes to relocate baseball to the North side of 36th Street to get it out of the flood plain and prevent recurring flood damage. This cannot be complete until after the property exchange with the Iowa National Guard discussed in the Ancillary Facilities section of the Long Range Facilities Plan. The bus lot would be relocated in order to accommodate the new baseball field. The schematic below is just one study and not a final plan. A new ticket booth and ADA facilities are being added in 2015.
The primary objective is to get the baseball field out of the Duck Creek flood plain and replace with practice fields. A new softball field would also be developed adjacent to baseball so they can share a concessions building with public restrooms and elevated press box. Equipment storage would also be provided, possibly by using the existing bus shop building.

Additional parking would be added to serve adjacent baseball, softball and tennis as well as Brady Street Stadium events. The final layout is yet to be determined that shown above is schematic only.

Replacement of the artificial turf in the stadium Improvements to the West façade, construction of additional team rooms and more ADA improvements are contemplated in the proposed ten year project plan for FY 17/18 at $2,250,000.