

Portable Reduction Plan

General Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Portable Reduction Plan?

The Portable Reduction Plan is a phased Plan to remove portables from the District's student inventory. The Plan is designed to eliminate 1,180 portables over an eight-year period. The reasons for eliminating these portables are as follows:

- *Section 1013.21, Florida Statutes, directs School Districts to remove student stations in portable facilities that are 20 years of age and older, and the vast majority (approximately 76%) of the District's portable inventory exceed 20 years of age.*
- *The Second Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning (SILA) is a contract between the School District, Broward County, and 27 Municipalities that requires the adopted Level of Service Standard (LOS) be maintained for all bounded District elementary, middle and high schools. (LOS indicates the capacity per unit of demand for a public facility.) The SILA establishes the LOS in Broward County at 100% of a school's gross capacity (which INCLUDES portables) until the 2018/19 school year, after which it will transition to 110% of a school's permanent capacity (which EXCLUDES portables). The Portable Reduction Plan will align the District's capacity numbers with the LOS when it transitions to strictly permanent capacity.*
- *It will help remove some of the excess capacity in the District. Currently, the District's total enrollment is less than the number of student stations available in permanent classrooms, so the additional inclusion of capacity from portables further exacerbates the disparity between student enrollment and capacity.*
- *The district's long term desire has always been to house students' permanently in permanent facilities.*

2. Will the Portable Reduction Plan affect a school's ability to meet LOS?

The first two years of the Plan are not anticipated to jeopardize a school's ability to meet LOS because the Plan only removes portables that are NOT relied on to maintain the schools' operation at the required LOS of 100% gross capacity. However, to remove the portables identified in years 3-5 of the Plan would require adjustments to school boundaries or programs to enable the affected schools to operate within the Adopted LOS.

3. Will I lose my Head Start Program because they are located in a portable?

No. If space is available in a school's permanent building, the Headstart Program can be relocated there. Additionally, student seating space will be reviewed based on School Board Policy 5000, which includes a review of all programs at schools.

4. Will my school need a boundary change if I lose my portables?

Your school attendance area may or may not require a boundary change based on the annual school boundary process review. Early in the school boundary process, many considerations are reviewed with parents and community members through Community Orientation meetings held throughout the County during the months of April through August. School Boundary Community Orientations, Community Conferences and Public Hearing dates and times are outlined in the School Board's School Boundary Process Timeline. At the conclusion of the school boundary process, School Board members vote to adopt the school attendance areas for the following school year. For additional information contact School Boundaries at (754) 321-2480.

5. What qualifies portables for long term use and which school's relocatables purchased after 1998 meet long term use standards in the next eight years?

All portables in Broward County Public Schools' Florida Inventory of Student Housing (FISH) that carry student capacity meet the standard for long term use. Schools that have some portables purchased after 1998 include:

<i>CENTRAL AREA</i>	<i>NORTH AREA</i>	<i>SOUTH AREA</i>
<i>1-Bair Middle</i>	<i>1-Coconut Creek Senior High</i>	<i>1-Coconut Palm Elementary</i>
<i>2-Castle Hill Elementary</i>	<i>2-Deerfield Beach Elementary</i>	<i>2-Collings Elementary</i>
<i>3-Everglades Elementary</i>	<i>3-North Andrews Garden Elem.</i>	<i>3-Dania Elementary</i>
<i>4-Falcon Cove Middle</i>	<i>4-Palmview Elementary</i>	<i>4-Everglades Senior High</i>
<i>5-Gator Run Elementary</i>	<i>5-Park Ridge Elementary</i>	<i>5-Glades Middle</i>
<i>6-Horizon Elementary</i>	<i>6-Pinewood Elementary</i>	<i>6-Gulfstream Middle</i>
<i>7-Lauderdale Lakes Middle</i>	<i>7-Sanders Park Elementary</i>	<i>7-Hallandale Senior High</i>
<i>8-Manatee Bay Elementary</i>	<i>8-Tradewinds Elementary</i>	<i>8-Miramar Senior High</i>

<i>9-Marshall Thurgood Elem.</i>	<i>9-Westgaldes Middle</i>	<i>9-Nova Senior High</i>
<i>10-Oriole Elementary</i>		<i>11-Perry Annabel C. Elem.</i>
<i>11-Peters Elementary</i>		<i>12-Sheridan Park Elem.</i>
<i>12-Tequesta Trace Middle</i>		<i>13-Young Walter C. Middle</i>
<i>13-Welleby Elementary</i>		
<i>14-Western Senior High</i>		
<i>15-Westwood Heights Elem.</i>		

6. Where is the draft list of schools that may have their relocatables removed for each school year and how does the removal impact the schools capacity in the next eight years?

The draft list of schools that may have their portables removed in each school year is contained in each annual Tentative District Educational Facilities Plan (TDEFP). Subsequently, the final list of portables approved for disposition by the School Board is contained in the annually adopted five-year Adopted District Educational Facilities Plan (ADEFP). Additionally, how the removal impacts the schools' capacity in the next five years is reflected in the District's planning tool, available online at <http://webapp.browardschools.com/schoolenrollment/splash1.aspx>.

7. Can the portables located at the annex sites be used for student enrollment to meet class size and level of service?

The State would have to approve Spot Surveys to add portable capacity at those sites to allow for the sites to be used to meet class size and LOS. However, the State may not approve the Spot Surveys due to the current excess District-wide capacity.

8. Can cities opt out of the Interlocal Agreement for School Concurrency?

Not without the consent of the School Board, the County and the requisite number of Municipalities called for in the Amendment provisions of the SILA.

9. When will the current Interlocal Agreement be amended?

There are no requirements to amend the SILA. An amendment can be initiated by any of the Signatories to the Agreement if they so desire.

10. When does each school have to meet Level of Service in the next eight years?

Every school must meet the LOS within the period covered by the District's ADEFP. These due dates are reflected in the District's Planning Tool online and in the LOS Plan contained in the ADEFP.

11. Why isn't District staff placed in portables instead of permanent facilities?

District administrative staff needs adequate facilities to fulfill their responsibilities and as such, are housed in those facilities. However, due to the unavailability of permanent facilities, some District staff is currently housed in portable facilities.

12. Why isn't school space determined by program utilization like other school districts?

FISH capacity is widely used throughout the State for facility planning because it provides a predictable and consistent measure for the capacity of school facilities, which is favorable for long-range planning. Program capacity fluctuates widely per semester and would be a difficult standard with which to plan in the long-term.

13. How is the District communicating the portable removal plan with the Broward community?

The District publishes the Portable Reduction Plan in the ADEFP, and data from the Plan is available online in the District's Planning Tool at <http://webapp.browardschools.com/schoolenrollment/splash1.aspx>. Furthermore, the Deputy Superintendent of Facilities and Construction Management Division via the Area Superintendent offices provides impacted School Principals with the draft list of portables scheduled for removal in the upcoming year, and additional information after the School Board approves the portables for disposition. Additionally, the District's School Boundaries and Educational Programs and Student Support Departments, which hold periodic public meetings (i.e. community forums), are an integral part of the portable disposition process and can provide information about the Plan to the community via these meetings. Finally, staff is working to engage the Public Relations and Governmental Relations Department for the express intent of informing the public about the Portable Reduction Plan.