Facility Capacity Needs Analysis Subcommittee ACPS & City of Alexandria



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Calculating School Capacity

- The number of students that can be reasonably accommodated by a school, building and site
 - 3 variables:
 - Physical: building size, # of teaching stations
 - Operational: utilization rate, staffing, space management
 - Programmatic: class-size caps, educational program
- Capacity numbers are not fixed. Can increase number of classrooms, change or move programs, etc. that will result in a new capacity figure for a particular building. Must be updated annually to stay current.





2 Types of Capacity Calculations

- Design
 - Total student seats, support facilities & scheduled flexibility
 - Based on best practice square feet per student
- Program
 - Follow School Board policy for maximum number of pupils/class (current methodology)





Standard Program

- Outlines the appropriate amount of space that should be dedicated to a specific instructional program or administrative function that occurs within a school building
- Currently use program defined in 2008
 Capacity Study





Elementary Standard Room Allocations

- Full-size room
 - Homerooms
 - Preschool
 - Art & Vocal Music
 - Selected Special Education Teachers
 - TAG for some schools (depends on enrollment)
 - Special Programs e.g. Cora Kelly's science lab





Elementary Standard Room Allocations

- Resource-size room
 - TAG for some schools (depends on enrollment)
 - PT/OT
 - Teacher work room
 - Instrumental music practice
 - Resource teachers (e.g. English language learner, most special education teachers, and reading specialists)





Annual Process to Determine Elementary School Capacity

- 1. Prepare short & long-term enrollment projections
- 2. Convert enrollment projections into teacher staffing
- 3. Update classrooms as currently configured
- 4. Principals provide current use of each room
- 5. Put all the pieces together
- Capacity Analysis reflects considers Board approved class-size cap & MOE policy
- Support spaces e.g. cafeteria, bathrooms, etc. not considered





Elementary Capacity Analysis FY2014 Preliminary Capacity- School Board Meeting 12-17-2012

Table 1. Elementary School Capacity Analysis by Standard Allocation

School Name	Classrooms as Currently Configured			FY 2014 Projections: Teachers and Rooms															
	Full- Size Roo ms (FSR)	Resource Rooms (RR)	Office or Small RR (SRR)	Home Room Tchrs FSR	Spec Ed Tchrs FSR	Prgm Needs FSR ¹	ACPS Preschoo I Program (SE & Typical)	Head Start or Networ k PS FSR	Total FSR Rqrd	Spec. Ed. Tchrs RR ²	ELL Tchrs RR ²	Other Tchrs RR ³	Prgrm Needs RR ⁴	Head Start or Networ k PS RR	Total RR/SRR Rgrd	Excess (Deficit) FSR	Excess (Deficit) RR/SRR	Net Room Balance	Region
Charles Barrett	24	7	-	20		3	1	-	24	3.0	2.0	2.0	3.0		10	<u>_</u>	(3)	(1.5)	Central
Cora Kelly	40	5	3	21	2	5	1	3	32	4.0	4.0	4.0	5.0		14	8	(6)	5.0	East
D MacArthur	34	8	4	31	-	3	-		34	4.0	2.0	2.0	3.0		12	-	-		Central
George Mason	29	9		26	-	3	-		29	3.0	2.5	1.5	3.0		11		(2)	(1.0)	Central
Jefferson-Houston	43	15	3	19	2	8	4	5	38	6.0	3.0	2.5	5.0	3.0	17	5	1	5.5	East
JK Polk	39	6	2	34	2	3			39	4.0	1.0	2.5	5.0		14	-	(6)	(3.0)	West
John Adams	64	11	7	37	4	4	8	5	58	4.0	7.0	2.5	5.0	2.0	20	6	(2)	5.0	West
Lyles-Crouch	24	6	2	22	-	2	-		24	3.0	1.0	2.0	4.0		11	-	(3)	(1.5)	East
Maury	21	5	3	20		1	-		21	3.0	1.0	2.0	3.0		9	-	(1)	(0.5)	East
Mt. Vernon	49	6	5	42	1	3			46	7.0	7.0	3.5	5.0		20	3	(9)	(1.5)	East
Patrick Henry	40	10	2	31	2	3	1	3	40	3.0	4.0	4.0	5.0		16	-	(4)	(2.0)	West
S Tucker	35	9	3	32	-	3	-		35	4.0	5.0	2.5	1.0		12		-	-	West
W Ramsay	41	12	3	37	1	2	1	-	41	3.0	9.0	4.0	4.0		18		(3)	(1.5)	West
Grand Total	483	109	37	372	14	43	16	16	461	51	48.5	35.0	51	5	184	22	(38)	3.0	30 19



Modified Open Enrollment

- The Superintendent shall propose elementary class size caps to be established during the budget process each spring
- The number of homeroom sections for each elementary school at each grade level shall be proposed by the Superintendent and reviewed during the budget process each spring.
- When class size caps are reached at a grade level and the number of homeroom sections is at the limit for that school, additional students will be assigned to a contiguous or nearby school where there is space.
- No student already enrolled in a school (including existing transfer students) will be removed because of Modified Open Enrollment procedures.

School Board Policy JCD - 1, adopted March 11, 2010 & amended April 25, 2013





Neighborhood School Preliminary Analysis 2/28/2013

Neighborhood Students vs. Students Enrolled

- Number of neighborhood students calculated based on home address, not school attended
- Compared to number of students enrolled

		FY2010			FY2011			- Y2012		FY2013		
	Neighborhood Count		Resid: Enrolled			Resid: Enrolled	Neighborhood Count		Resid: Enrolled	Neighborhood Count		Resid: Enrolled
Central	1,236	1,318	93.8%	1,276	1,379	92.5%	1,340	1,483	90.4%	1,393	1,572	88.6%
East	1,830	1,935	94.6%	1,943	1,989	97.7%	2,094	2,104	99.5%	2,145	2,229	96.2%
West	3,015	2,969	101.5%	3,187	3,113	102.4%	3,415	3,209	106.4%	3,555	3,425	103.8%
No address or not in area	140			108			14			24		
Total	6,221	6,222	100.0%	6,514	6,481	100.5%	6,863	6,796	101.0%	7,117		98.5%



Secondary Capacity Factors

- Number of rooms with flexible vs. fixed uses
- Specialized rooms such as science labs, computer/career and technical labs
- Other program specific requirements
- Teacher work rooms
- Number of periods that teachers teach 4, 5, or 6 vs. number of periods in the day
- Sharing of rooms by teachers
- Restrictions on offering of classes below certain sizes
- Approaches to inclusion, push in vs. pull out for ELL, special education, and remediation





Secondary Capacity Analysis

- The effects of larger elementary cohorts aging through the system is being seen at the middle school level this year and will continue to affect schools for years to come.
- ACPS does not currently have an accepted methodology for calculating secondary capacity.
- There are physical variables including number of teaching stations and support facilities. There are also operational variables including utilization rates, staffing, and space management.
- The methodology to calculate secondary capacity is being developed as part of the joint long range plan in conjunction with the City of Alexandria staff.

ACPS FY2014-2023 Proposed Capital Improvement Program Budget, page 15





Existing Conditions-Establish a Baseline

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- As modifications & expansions have been madeno longer have accurate floor plans with square footages
 - Some principals hand draw additions onto floor plans during an<u>nual assessments</u>





Architect's Scope of Work

- Phase I
 - Inventory spaces of building's interiors
 - Classify space & appropriateness
 - Document general space quality
 - Provide electronic floor plans of each school
 - Attend meetings with stakeholders

Phase II

- Describe property ownership and boundaries
- Document usable acreage of open space & recreational features
- Document general size & condition of playgrounds
- Document natural resource areas
- Describe adequacy of site utilities to accommodate new construction
- Provide electronic site plans
- Attend meetings with stakeholders





Existing Conditions

- Baseline provided by Architect will inform the subcommittee's next tasks:
 - Review existing capacity analysis methodology
 - Make recommendations for modifications to the methodology for both elementary and secondary
 - Develop a capacity and utilization assessment for each school site





Next Steps

- Meeting Frequency?
- Next meeting
 - Review progress of architect
 - Review secondary capacity methodologies



