

How OCPS Builds Schools

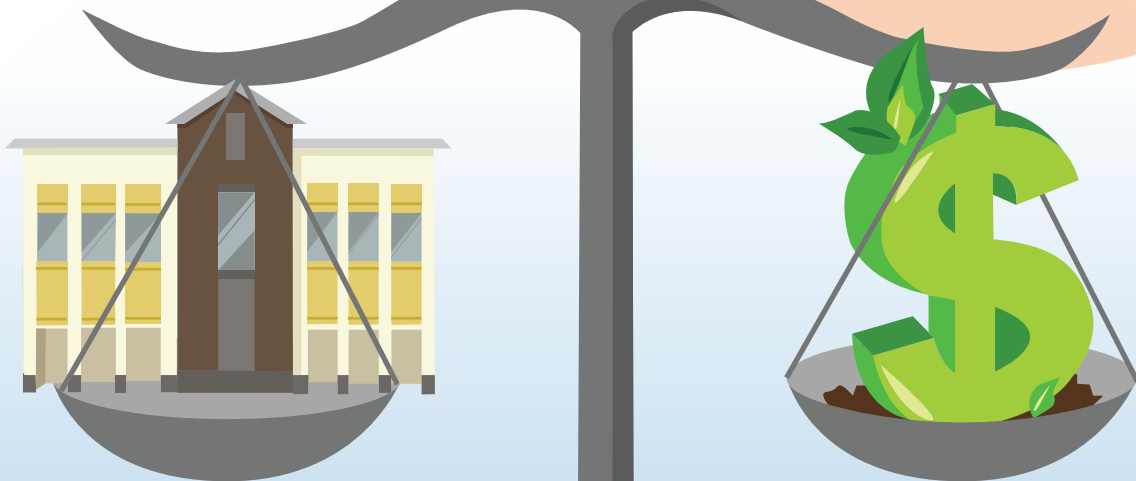
Since 2003, Orange County Public Schools has sited, built and opened **59 new schools to accommodate growth and relieve overcrowding**. Through the 2021-22 school year, an additional 132 existing schools have been replaced or renovated.

When a new school is built, **the planning begins many years in advance**.

Here are the key steps:

1. The Office of Student Enrollment and Advance Planning committee analyze birth rates, growth and development to project enrollment.
2. The Advance Planning committee (including OCPS county and city staff) considers the location and capacity of existing schools to determine future needs.
3. School locations are targeted and projects defined (school type, size, etc.).
4. Projects are prioritized based on competing needs districtwide.
5. **Limited fiscal resources**, including taxpayer dollars and fees from developers, are allocated to purchase land, hire an architect and construct and furnish new schools.
6. New schools open on time and within budget.

- No cutoff rate or formula by itself determines when a school will be relieved. (Please see list at left).
- New schools are scheduled to open when enrollment is sufficient to support an additional school. Schools needing relief may be temporarily overcrowded while new schools are designed and built.
- Some schools relieve multiple schools. Others relieve one. This depends on the location of current schools and where the growth is.
- **The Advance Planning committee meets year-round** to consider changes to growth and adjust plans accordingly. These plans are laid out in a **10-year Capital Improvement Plan**, which is updated annually.



Long Range Capital Improvement Plan for Additional Schools
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No.		
Schs.	New Schools	School Year to Open
1	Wetherbee ES	2011
2	Lake Nona MS	2011
3	SunRidge MS	2012
4	SunRidge ES	2012
5	Prairie Lakes ES	2013
6	Sun Blaze ES	2013
7	Independence ES	2015
8	Eagle Creek ES	2015
9	Wedgefield School	2016
10	Bay Lake ES	2016
11	Millennia Gardens ES	2016
12	Timber Springs MS	2017
13	Innovation MS	2017
14	Windermere HS	2017
15	Laureate Park ES	2017
16	Westpointe ES	2017
17	Audubon Park School	2018
18	Horizon West MS	2019
19	Castlevew ES	2019
20	Water Spring ES	2019
21	Sunshine ES	2020
22	Summerlake ES	2020
23	Vista Pointe ES	2020
24	Horizon HS	2021
25	Village Park ES	2021
26	Lake Buena Vista HS	2021
27	89-E-W-4	2022
28	114-E-W-4	2022
29	30-E-SE-3	2022
30	90-K8-N-7	2022
31	132-M-W-4	2022
32	Water Spring MS	2023
33	129-M-SE-2	2024
34	118-E-SW-5	2024
35	47-E-W-4	2024
36	97-E-SE-2	2024
37	50-H-SE-2	2024
38	130-E-SE-2	2026
39	126-E-W-4	2027
40	48-M-SW-4	2028
41	112-E-SE-3	2028
42	119-H-SE-3	2029
43	72-E-W-7	2029
44	102-E-W-7	2029
45	56-M-SE-2	2030
46	105-E-SW-4	2030