

# School Board of Brevard County

## FY 2014-2015 Student Accommodation Plan



## Overview

The Student Accommodation Plan is prepared by the Facility Management Services Department every spring and approved by the School Board prior to the summer break. The School Board of Brevard County has adopted this document, which compares projected student enrollment to projected school capacities, as a planning tool for the next school year. After the Plan is approved, it is implemented throughout the district.

- ☐ The information compiled in this document comes from several different sources. Transportation Services provides the projected student enrollment for the School District. Facility Management Services provides the school capacities, permanent and relocatable, from the Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) Database. School Principals and Area Superintendents estimate their need for space to accommodate students based on the school programs and student enrollment projections. After the Senior Staff evaluates the information, recommendations are provided to the Superintendent and to the School Board for approval.
- ☐ This Plan assumes the continued use of relocatable classroom space. If the Plan is implemented, the School District will increase the number of relocatable classroom units from 210 during the 2013-2014 to 215 for the 2014-15 school year by converting 5 surplus relocatables to classroom use (2 will be moved).
- ☐ Schools have a usable life span of 50 years or more. During that time, student populations shift as new students move into new developments and current students matriculate and leave existing neighborhoods. These demographic shifts cause some schools to exceed their capacity while leaving other schools under-utilized. The District has several options available to balance student populations and more efficiently utilize the existing schools. One of the least disruptive options is to build new capacity, but with available permanent capacity for more than 17,000 additional students throughout the District, the Florida Department of Education will not approve the use of State funds for additional capacity. It is, therefore, assumed that other options such as “freezing” schools to out-of-area students, capping schools or special programs and changing attendance boundaries will be used to balance student enrollment to school capacity.
- ☐ School capacities contained in this Student Accommodation Plan are based on the FISH database as of October 23, 2013.