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ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



OCPS to open four new schools in August, bringing schools total to 199

Four new Orange County Public Schools, including three in the rapidly growing Horizon West community, will open to students in August, increasing the district's number of non-charter public schools to 199. Each school will host a Sneak Peek to offer families, neighbors and taxpayers the opportunity to see the school before classes begin.

Keri Bachman, mother to three elementary-aged children, has seen a school spring up walking distance from her family's home. "Getting a new school, it's just a relief," she said. Castleview Elementary is one of the three schools opening in Horizon West. The other two are Horizon West Middle and Water Spring Elementary. "It may seem like (Horizon West is) getting so many schools in a short time, but for those of us who live here, it can't come soon enough," said Bachman, whose son will be attending his third elementary while living in the same place. "It is so necessary."

- **Castleview Elementary**, 9131 Taborfield Avenue, Orlando, relieves Bay Lake and Sand Lake elementary schools. Sneak Peek: Thursday, July 25, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- **Horizon West Middle**, 8200 Tattant Boulevard, Windermere, relieves Bridgewater Middle School. Sneak Peek: Wednesday, July 24, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- **Water Spring Elementary**, 16000 Water Spring Blvd., Winter Garden, relieves Keene's Crossing and Independence elementary schools. Sneak Peek: Wednesday, July 31, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- **Pershing School**, 1800 E. Pershing Ave, Orlando, is the district's newest K-8 school. The school blends Pershing and Pine Castle elementaries and adds middle school students for the first time. Sneak Peek: Monday, July 29, from 4 to 6 p.m.
- Sneak Peeks are also planned for **Deerwood Elementary**, a replacement of a 1984 campus, and the Performing Arts Center at **Colonial High**. A Grand Opening will be held for the Performing Arts Center at **Boone High**.

- The district has also completed comprehensive renovations of **Corner Lake Middle** and **Lake Gem, Lake George** and **Sunrise** elementary schools.

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