



Orange County Public Schools

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SCHOOL CONCURRENCY FACT SHEET

When planning for growth, schools are among the essential components of a community's infrastructure to be considered. Schools help define a community's quality of life, influence development decisions and are a factor in where people choose to live. *Strengthening the link between planning for growth and planning for schools to assure adequate school capacity is the primary purpose behind implementing school concurrency.*

WHAT IS SCHOOL CONCURRENCY?

In Florida, concurrency refers to a system for providing new public facilities and services to accommodate growth. These facilities and services must be provided at the time of new development. A new development can not cause a facility to exceed an adopted level-of-service (LOS).

School concurrency applies only to residential development. For a residential plat to be permitted, adequate school capacity must be available or under development at the time of the plat. If capacity is not available, the developer, school district and affected local government must work together to find a way to provide capacity before the development can proceed.

SCHOOL CONCURRENCY HISTORY

School Concurrency was signed into law on June 24, 2005 as part of Senate Bill 360, an Act Relating to Infrastructure Planning and Funding. SB 360 amended the 1985 Growth Management Act, which required that certain infrastructure, e.g., sanitary sewer, solid waste, drainage, potable water, parks and recreation, and transportation, be subject to concurrency.

IMPACT TO OCPS

School Concurrency will not end school overcrowding, nor will it eliminate the use of portables. Furthermore, School Concurrency is not designed to solve existing capacity problems in our system. In essence, School Concurrency will require new development to pay for itself.

School Concurrency will add a layer of development review to residential projects. When a residential development project is proposed in an area where school capacity is an issue, or will become an issue when the project is built, concurrency will be triggered and the developer may be required to mitigate their impacts.

School Concurrency does not give OCPS the power to deny a development. Development approval and denial will continue to rest solely with the county and cities.

IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

Statewide, School Concurrency must be implemented by all local governments by December 2008. Jurisdictions within Orange County are slated to begin implementing School Concurrency during the summer of 2008. During the summer, developers applying for a residential plat or site plan will be asked to obtain school concurrency and, if necessary, enter into a mitigation agreement with OCPS and the affected local government.

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