

# Facilities Challenges and Current Enrollment Capacities

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## History of the Orting School District:

In 1871 the first school in Orting was started in the deserted home of George Gunson. It was a log cabin about 14'x16' with only a hole in the wall on one side for light. George Boatman was the teacher and the six children he taught were Mary, Josie, and Wesley Whitesell, John and George Beckett, and Louise Lane.

In 1879, the town built a new school building of adequate size, which was situated near Bowlin and Leber Streets, NE. This building served in educating the children of Orting until 1891 when a 4-room, 2 story schoolhouse was built facing north onto Leber Street, between Washington and Varner Avenues. This building had a large cloakroom, wide halls, and a large porch, which amply sheltered those children who attended. Since cows were allowed to run at large in the town, a board fence with a wide plank on top surrounded the grounds. The gates consisted of staggered posts that the students could slip through, but the cows could not navigate.

In 1911, the schoolhouse was doubled in size by putting an addition of about the same size on the back, then putting the entry on the west side, facing Washington Avenue. The entire lower floor of the new part was finished off as one large playroom, but later as more classrooms were needed, this playroom was divided up into two classrooms and a gymnasium was erected on the south side of the school.

The gymnasium had a large open floor for playing basketball and other indoor games. At the east end of the hall there was a large stage and a balcony ran around the west end and the two sides. Beneath the auditorium were the manual training and home economics facilities.

In 1929, the Miles Edgerton Grade School building on Whitesell Street was completed and the grade school children went to school there. It was a U-shaped building built of terra-cotta block and it served the grade school well for about 20 years until crowded conditions required the addition which was put on the east side, making the building W-shaped.

A new high school building was discussed as early as 1927, but with the construction of the Miles Edgerton Grade School, the old school building became the high school. It wasn't until 1951 that a new high school building appeared, built in front of the old, fronting on Washington Avenue. This "New" high school served the community for over 35 years.

Historical data compiled by Terry Van Zanten

### History of Development within the Orting School District:

- Orting Primary School (round section) built in 1972 - 1978, Cafeteria built in 1989
- West Wing - Bond Passed in March 1986
- Ptarmigan Ridge opened in August 2000 - Bond Passed in Dec 1997
- High School at 120 Washington Ave built in 1951
- New High School located at 320 Washington Ave built in September 1988
- Middle School built in 2008 - Went from junior high (7-8) to middle school (6-7-8) in 1985
- High School Performing Arts Center built in 2008
- Cardinal Stadium finished in 2009
- Miles Edgerton-remodeled to house high school in 1979
- District office was original High school - used until the end of the 1984-85 school
- Central Office moved to the Miles Edgerton Building in July 2010
- Partnership School for the Sciences was absorbed in to Ptarmigan in the Fall of 2011
- Full day kindergarten implemented in January 2014
- Ptarmigan Ridge Elementary implements grades K-5 in the 2014-2015 school year
- Orting Primary added 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in 2016-17
- Mega portable built at Ptarmigan Ridge 2019-20



## Information and Conditions of Schools (ICOS)

## What is ICOS?

The Information and Condition of Schools (ICOS) is an Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) web-based site and facilities inventory tracking system where information and building conditions details about each school district is stored.

ICOS meets the increasing demand for accurate school facility information and building condition data that supports statewide programs such as the School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP), District facility management, and school facility information requests or policy decisions.

This information is also used to support the performance-based Asset Preservation Program which gauges how well the facilities, buildings, and sites are maintained.

ICOS benefits the Districts by providing functionality for inventory tracking, condition rating, record keeping, and comparative and report analysis. It is a useful, no-cost tool to help districts identify future capital needs.

## What is our ICOS rating for existing buildings?

### ICOS Ratings, Inventory of Sites and Buildings:

- Orting Primary School (main building): N/A
- Ptarmigan Ridge Intermediate (main building): 89.15%
- Orting Middle School (average of all wings): 89.94%
- Orting High School (main building): N/A
- Central Office: N/A
- Transportation and Facilities Building: N/A

Ratings' above are per our most recent Building Certified Assessment (BCA) in February 2021. Buildings are certified every 6 years of their useful 30 year life cycle.



### District-wide Facility Challenges

#### Current Challenges:

- Entrance Control and Security
- Student Drop-off and Pick up
- ADA Accessibility
- HVAC
- Stadium Locker Rooms
- Food Service Kitchens & Storage
- Stadium Turf
- Electrical Wiring Systems
- Lack of Storage



## Orting Primary School

Built in 1972-1978

### Current Challenges:

- 8 Portables
  - Exceeds Building Capacity
  - Front Entrance Access
  - Safety
  - Intercom/Bell System
  - Restroom Facilities
  - Seasonal Flooding
  - Parking
  - Earthquake Protection and Retrofitting
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## Ptarmigan Ridge Elementary School

Built in 2000

### Current Challenges:

- 11 Portables
  - Mega Portable ( 8 classrooms)
  - Exceeds Building Capacity
  - Gymnasium-Cafeteria Space
  - Restroom Facilities
  - Intercom System
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## Orting Middle School

Built in 2008

### Current Challenges:

- One Classroom short
  - CTE Classrooms
  - Grass Fields
  - Teacher Work Spaces
  - Connectivity
  - Locker rooms
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## Orting High School

Built in 1988

### Current Challenges:

- 14 Portables on 2 Campuses
  - Exceeds Building Capacity
  - Old Gymnasium Condemned
  - Gymnasium Space
  - Student Supervision
  - Safety
  - Science and CTE Classrooms
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## Transportation and Facilities Building

Built in 1951

### Current Challenges:

- Shared Space with Senior Center and Food Bank
  - Storage for District Transportation Fleet
  - Facilities Warehouse and Inventory Storage
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## Considerations & Questions

