



Facilities Comprehensive Plan: Community FAQ

This FAQ reflects questions submitted by the community and families during the recent facilities webinar and responses provided by district leadership.

1. What is the district doing about projected overcrowding at Folsom High School and Vista del Lago High School?

Current projections show that Folsom High School could exceed capacity significantly by the 2029–30 school year, while Vista del Lago would be closer to capacity.

To address this, the district is:

- Restricting inter-district transfers and limiting intra-district transfers to impacted sites.
- Installing two portable classrooms at Vista del Lago this summer to increase capacity, and will be ready for occupancy in January, 2027..
- Reviewing attendance and enrollment patterns.
- Planning for capacity needs until the new high school is built.

These projections were based on “no-change” scenarios, and the district is actively implementing solutions.

2. Will the district redraw school boundaries to balance enrollment?

Yes. The district plans to review and redraw secondary school boundaries when the first phase of the new high school opens.

At this time, boundaries are difficult to change because most campuses are already near capacity. Once additional space becomes available, boundary adjustments will be made to better balance enrollment across schools.

3. What is being done to manage growing enrollment in middle schools?

Currently, there is available space at Folsom Middle School, which is why students south of Highway 50 are assigned there.

Some classrooms are not in use, allowing the school to absorb additional enrollment. Boundary adjustments may occur once new middle school facilities open south of Highway 50.

At this time, middle schools have sufficient capacity to meet projected growth.

4. Is the district planning to remove block scheduling at Vista del Lago High School?

No. There are no plans to eliminate block scheduling at Vista del Lago.

The school has seen strong outcomes with this model, including:

- High graduation rates
- Strong A–G completion
- Positive AP test performance

While block scheduling can affect capacity, the district believes the academic benefits outweigh those concerns.

5. Will more portable classrooms be added at Vista del Lago in the future?

Two portable classrooms will be installed this summer.

Each year, the district reviews:

- Actual enrollment
- Updated projections
- Facility capacity

Additional portables may be considered based on these annual reviews. We anticipate Vista del Lago will remain over capacity until a new high school is built South of 50.

6. If a bond is needed for new schools and upgrades, when will the community know?

The district is currently doing its due diligence and studying whether a bond measure is feasible for the November 2026 ballot.

Steps include:

- Community polling conducted in Fall 2025
- Additional polling planned for Spring 2026
- Board consideration in June 2026

The Board will decide in June 2026 whether to place a bond on the ballot and what type of measure it would be.

7. What happens if a bond does not pass?

If a bond is not approved, the district will:

- Continue working to identify other funding source options as current funding sources (developer fees, bonding authority, other funds) are not sufficient to cover the cost of building a new high school/middle school.
- Assess how much of the project can move forward
- Likely rely on temporary solutions such as portable classrooms

Without a bond, full build-out of planned schools would be delayed, and temporary facilities would be needed.

8. Where will new schools be built in the next five years?

The district is planning:

- A new specialty high school in Rancho Cordova
- A new high school and middle school near Manini Ranch and White Rock Road in Folsom
- A new elementary school in the same area

These schools will support growth from new housing developments in the area.

9. Are there plans to add more outdoor learning spaces at older elementary schools?

At this time, there is no funding allocated for additional outdoor learning spaces at older campuses.

However, the facilities plan is reviewed regularly and may be updated in the future if funding becomes available.

10. How will Folsom High School accommodate 800 students over capacity?

The district uses a strategy called “hot seating” when schools exceed standard capacity.

With hot seating:

- Teachers use shared classrooms
- During prep periods, teachers relocate to other workspaces
- Another class uses the room

This approach can increase capacity by approximately 20% at a school site.

11. Why isn't the student care building at Gallardo included in the new fencing project?

The student care building will be fully enclosed within the new fencing.

The project includes:

- A gate near the main entrance
- A second gate near the parking lot drop-off area
- Fencing connected around the building

The project is currently underway and is expected to be completed in late April or early May.

12. Can hot seating also increase capacity at Vista del Lago?

Yes. Vista del Lago is already using hot seating.

The school currently exceeds its original capacity, and teachers have designated workspaces for prep periods. The addition of two portables will further support this approach.

13. How can families ask additional questions after the meeting?

Families may contact the district at: info@fcusd.org