

RICHMOND COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Forward

WSSR Consulting LLC is grateful to the Richmond County Board of Education for the privilege of conducting this facility study. It has been both a challenge and a joy to ensure that its goal of quality equitable learning environments are provided for each child and community.

We are appreciative of the visionary leadership of Superintendent Dr. Joe Ferrell who determined that the study was essential. His goal of developing a long-range plan of action and a budgeting process that would ensure quality teaching and learning environments while managing limited financial resources is most noteworthy.

Mr. Steve King, Director of Maintenance, graciously shared his valuable time and insights when requested by study consultants. His leadership and wise counsel were always thoughtfully provided.

Study Principles and Limited Conditions

The underlining principles used to guide this study included:

- Project future capacity needs at each school;

of North Carolina at Charlotte and teaches course and conducts research in the areas of school facility planning, construction, maintenance and finance. He previously served for seven years Superintendent of Schools for Lincoln County Schools. In addition, he served as a school principal for eleven years.

Carolina Streetscapes, Atlantic Playground Certified Playground Safety Inspectors conducted playground inspection and evaluation at each elementary school.

The Bleacher Assessment was conducted by Learning Environments, Inc. of Liberty, North Carolina. Mr. Ben Miller conducted this phase of the study.

Study Procedures

Consultants for the study were highly credentialed in their specific areas of expertise and engaged in the following procedures to ensure the integrity of the project. These procedures included:

- Visits to each elementary school by Dr. Jim Watson to assess each on a variety of building issues;

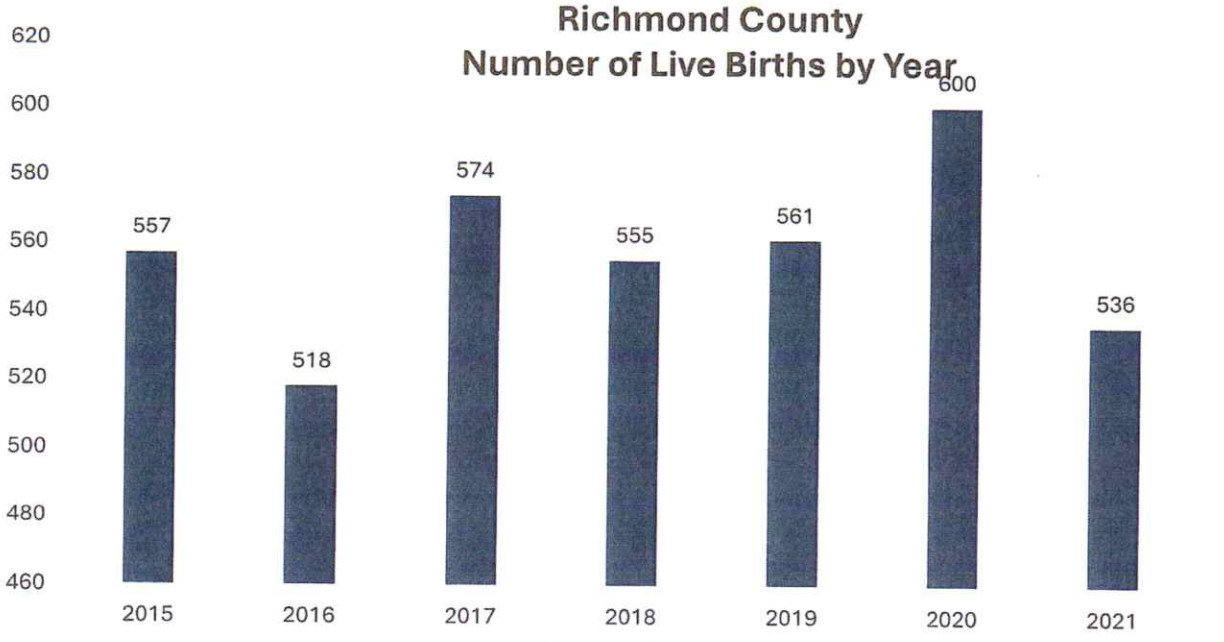
- Visits to Middle Schools and Richmond High School by Dr. Jim Watson to assess each, for adherence to bleacher safety standards, and cost estimates for repairs and replacements; and
- Visits to the playground of each elementary school with an inspection and assessment conducted using Certified Playground Safety Inspection Standards with cost estimates for bringing each school into full standards compliance.

Context

Population Changes

As may be discerned in Figure there was a reduction in the number of births from 2020 to 2021. This pattern follows a similar one from prior years.

Figure 1
Richmond County
Number of Live Births by Year



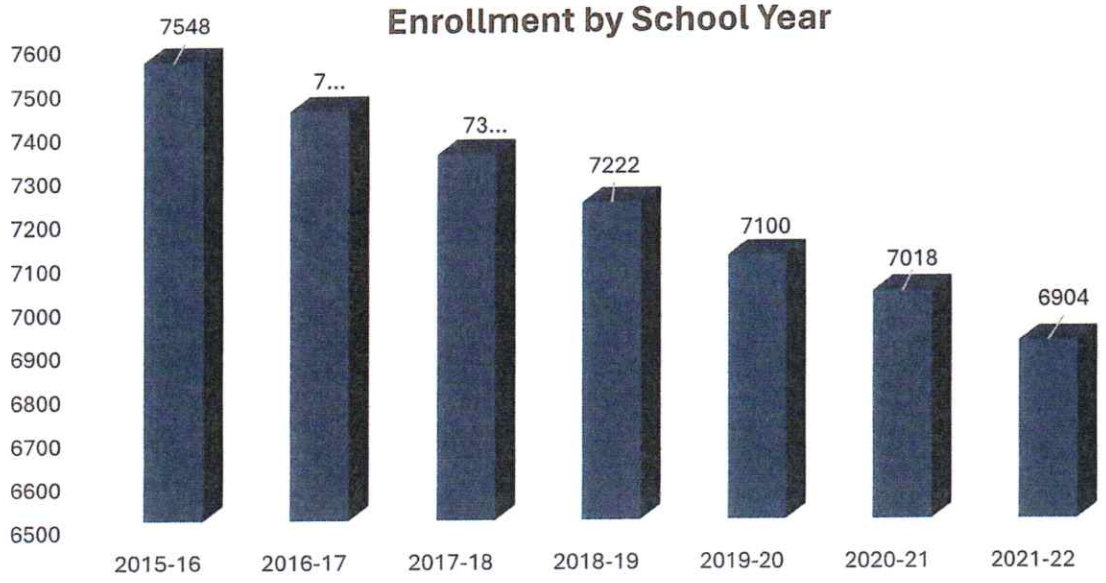
Source: NC Department of Health and Human Services

School Enrollment Decline

School enrollment in Richmond County, based on data from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, has been declining since 2015. These data are reflected in Figure Two. In fact, there has been a decline in enrollment of 644 students from the 2015-16 school year to the 2021-22

school year. This is the equivalent of a large elementary school or average size middle school.

Figure 2
Richmond County School District
Enrollment by School Year



Source: NC Dept. of Public Instruction

School Enrollments

As may be seen in Figure Three, at each school in Richmond County, there has either been a downward or steady enrollment trend. The trend in each has implications for short and long range facility considerations.

Richmond County School Facility Quick Facts

Total Square Feet Heated Floor Space- **1,148,800** sq. ft.

Percentage of Sq. Feet 50 years or older- **47.6%** 546,926 sq. ft.

Percentage of Sq. Feet 25 years or newer- **28.9%** 331,921 sq. ft.

Percentage of Sq. Feet 26-49 years old- **23.5%** 269,953 sq. ft.

Total Acreage at 15 campuses- **326** acres

Largest School Campus-**Richmond Sr. High** 93 acres

Smallest School Campus-**Cordova Middle School** 8 acres

Oldest School Facility- **Ellerbe Middle Old Shop Building** 1940

Rockingham Middle Original Bldg. 1940

Newest School Facility-**Cordova Middle School Gym** 2018*

*Excluding current School construction projects



Figure 3
ADM Trends

	2015	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Ashley Chapel	79	62	45	86	93	88
Cordova Middle		304	279	270	260	259
East Rockingham	582	487	455	514	473	475
Ellerbe Middle	231	218	216	213	204	205
Fairview Heights	538	456	459	464	457	458
Hamlet Middle	509	489	470	423	405	406
L. J. Bell	553	492	512	466	467	460
Mineral Springs	444	362	366	349	381	380
Monroe Avenue	440	350	346	367	337	343
Richmond Senior	1,426	1,274	1,280	1,251	1,344	1,329
Early College	249	283	292	295	290	283
9th Grade Academy	515	485	543	492	489	488
Rockingham Middle	684	625	537	613	592	589
West Rockingham	356	278	272	259	291	287
Washington Street	521	452	441	411	388	390

Aging Facilities

Many Richmond County school facilities have been in service since the 1940's and 1950's. While they have served the district well over these decades, many of them cannot be adapted, or need major modifications to meet the educational challenges of the 21st Century.

Figure 4 provides an overview of the age of many of the schools currently in use.

Figure 4

- 1940-Ellerbe Middle School Old Shop Bldg.
- 1940-Rockingham Middle School Original Bldg
- 1950-Ellerbe Middle School Old Cafeteria
- 1950-Fairview Hgts Elem. Old Classroom/Aud.
- 1950-Cordova Middle Original Classroom/Caf.
- 1951-Mineral Springs Elem. Original Classroom/Gym
- 1952-L. J. Bell Elem. Original Building
- 1953-Ashley Chapel Ed. Center Classroom Pod Bldg.
- 1953-Monroe Avenue Elem. Gym
- 1955-L. J. Bell Elem. Classroom Addition
- 1956-Rockingham Middle Auditorium
- 1957 Ashley Chapel Ed. Ctr. Original Classroom/Cafeteria Bldg.
- 1957 Ellerbe Middle Auditorium/Classroom Bldg.
- 1957 Mineral Springs Elem. Original Classroom
- 1963 Monroe Ave. Elem. Classroom Addition
- 1969 Fairview Hgts. Elem. Classroom Addition
- 1970 Monroe Ave. Cafeteria Bldg.
- 1970 W. Rockingham Elem. Original Bldg.
- 1971 Richmond Sr. High Original Main Bldg.
- 1972 Richmond Sr. High Classroom/Gym Bldg.
- 1972 Richmond Sr. High Trades E Bldg.

Recent School Construction Projects

While the school listed above in Figure 4 reflect buildings which have been in continuous use, there have been some recent school construction projects which have enhanced various school facilities. They include:

2018: Cordova Middle School Gymnasium

2011: L. J. Bell Elementary School Gymnasium

2009: East Rockingham Elementary New Facility

2008: Fairview Elementary School Media Center

2007: West Rockingham Elementary Classroom Addition

2004: Rockingham Middle School Classroom/Administration Addition

2000: 9th Grade Academy Classroom Building

2000: Ashley Chapel Education Center Gym/Administration Building

Current New Construction Projects

There are three new construction projects underway at Richmond Senior High School, Mineral Springs Elementary School and Fairview Heights Elementary School. The total cost of these three initiatives is $20,789,500.



Richmond Senior High School

Auxiliary Gymnasium, 6 classrooms, boy's/girl's group restrooms, boy's girl's group locker rooms, coach's office, laundry room, concession stand, gym equipment storage, staff restroom

27,057 SF



Mineral Springs Elementary School

6 classrooms addition, boy's/girl's group restrooms, staff restroom, staff work room

9,139 SF



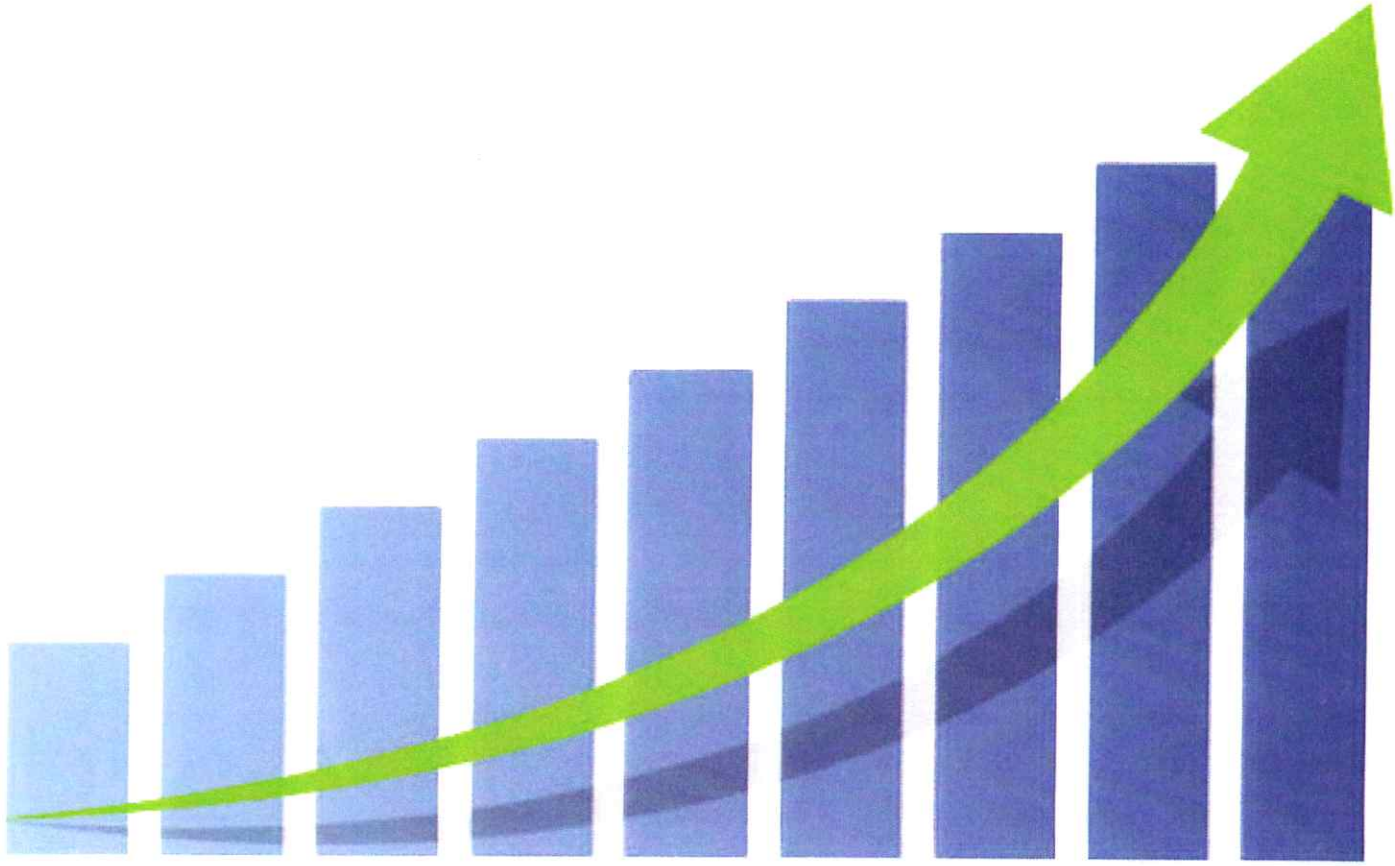
Fairview Heights Elementary School

Gymnasium, boy's/girl's group restrooms, coach's office w/private restroom, equipment storage

7,034 SF

Study Findings

Should We be Concerned With School Construction Inflation Cost?



North Carolina School Construction Cost Per Sq. Ft.

2010-2023

2010-$140.91

2011-$153.27

2012-$146.52

2013-$165.68

2014-$189.21

2015-$200.85

2016-$188.17

2017-$204.68

2018-$228.84

2019-$237.61

2020-$249.04

2021-$285.79

2022-$292.77

2023-$300.00 Plus

*Source North Carolina Department of Public Instruction-Division of School Planning

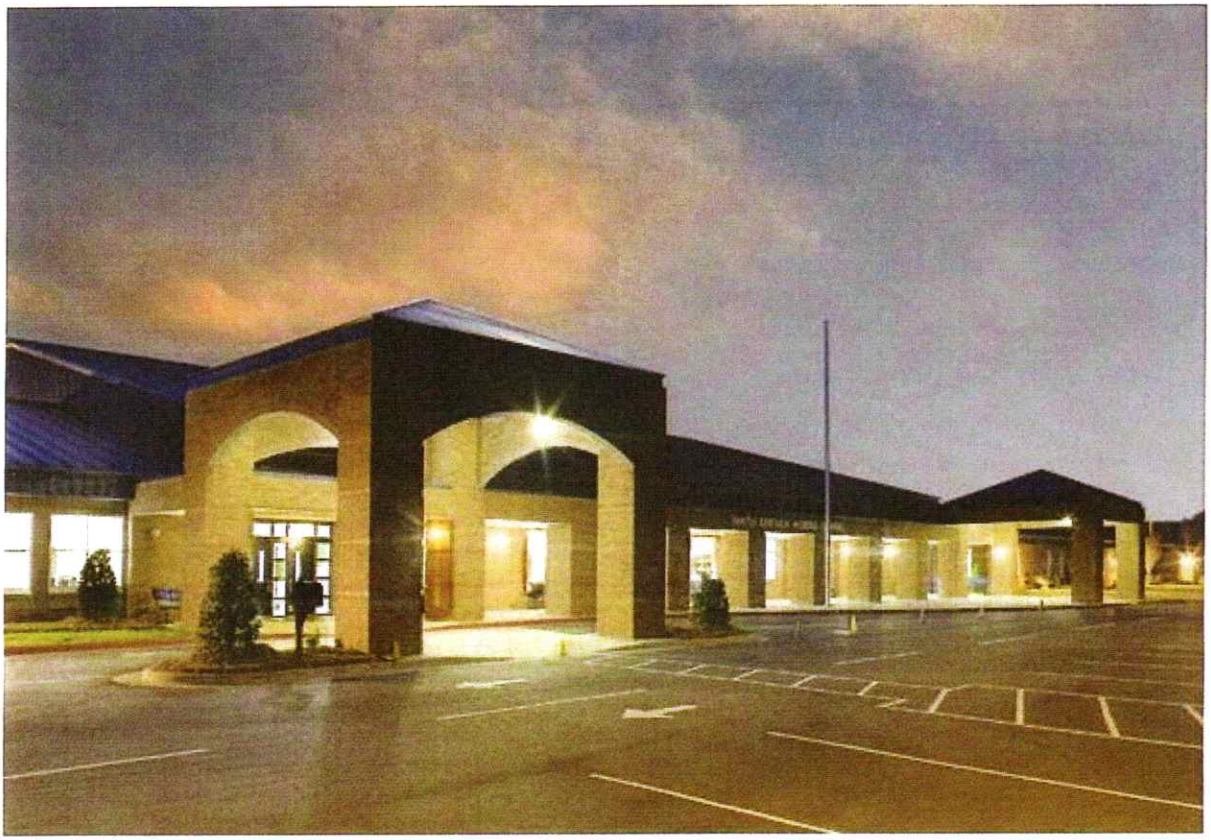
A Real Example of School Construction Inflation

Prototype School

2003- Middle School 126,000 sq. ft. ($104.76) **$13.2 million**

2008-Middle School 126,000 sq. ft. ($153.17) **$19.3 million**

2023-Middle School 126,000 sq. ft. ($342.85) **$43.2 million**



Middle School Considerations

Middle School Considerations

Richmond County Schools currently has four middle schools, Cordova, Ellerbe, Hamlet and Rockingham. The Average Daily Membership (ADM) ranges from a high at Rockingham of 488 students to a low at Ellerbe of 205. The total ADM at the combined middle schools for the 2023-24 school year is 1,459 students. Five years ago, in the 2020-21 school year the combined ADM was 1,636 students. This represents a decline of 177 students or 12.13%. The future trends predict a continued gradual decline for the next 5-10 years.

The ages of the four middle school have very wide ranges. Cordova, Ellerbe and Rockingham have buildings that were constructed in 1949, 1950, 1956 and 1957. This represents a total of 112,084 Sq. Ft. of space that is between 67 and 75 years of age. These buildings have reached and, in many cases, exceeded the end of their useful life span. Accessibility issues, outdated bathrooms, doors and windows, challenges to current educational standards and needs are prevalent.

Hamlet Middle School was constructed in 1976 and overall is in good condition. However, it is approaching 50 years old in age. Several more recent additions have been added to middle schools. At Cordova in 1994 and 2018, at Ellerbe in 1989, and at Rockingham in 2004.

Several scenarios should be considered for future study regarding middle schools in Richmond County.

1. Closing Ellerbe Middle School and redistricting students into the remaining three middle schools. Currently Ellerbe has 205 students enrolled. Enrollment projections over the next five years has the

school dropping to approximately 185 students. The current middle school enrollment divided into three schools would be 486 students per school. Due to county geography, road systems and the capacity of school facilities, it would probable be difficult to have an evenly divided enrollment for all three remaining middle schools. However, the current enrollment range of 205 to 589 could certainly be a much smaller range. A reasonable example which probably could be obtained would be in the 400 to 525 range.

2. Another consideration would be closing two schools and constructing a completely new middle school. Currently through the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction Needs Based Public School Capital Fund school districts have been awarded grants to construct new schools to replace aging facilities. Up to $52 million is available on a competitive basis for middle schools. Districts who are closing schools and a Tier 1 or Tier 2 county have priority. Currently Richmond County is a Tier 1 county, and under the current state guidelines no local match is required.
3. Consider combining districts into two middle schools. The average enrollment for two middle schools would be 729 students. Feasibility studies would be needed to determine if added capacity could be constructed at existing schools or would it be necessary to construct two entirely new facilities. The cost of two new middle schools of 800 capacity each would cost in the range of $125-$150 million dollars, depending on such variables as land, site preparation, and access to water and sewer. Facility expansion at existing middle schools would be considerably less, however it would require a study to determine

needed space at each school and infrastructure capabilities and additional enrollment.

In summary, these scenarios simply introduce considerations for the administration and Board of Education to study. There are benefits to all three scenarios as well as drawbacks to consider. Hopefully, this will help to form a catalyst for future discussions and study.

Repurposing the Ninth Grade Academy

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The school district is currently planning to move students from the 9th Grade Academy to the campus at Richmond County High School beginning in the 2025-26 school year. Several options should be considered for repurposing this facility. The original building was built in 2000 and contains 80,914 sq. ft. A gym addition was constructed in 2008 and added 14,400 sq. ft. The school is located on a campus containing 25 acres. The facility capacity is in the 550-600 range depending on the grade levels assigned to the school. An in-depth study should be considered to evaluate several options. Among the options discussed includes:

- Locating a PreK Center at the school serving the districts entire PreK students. Currently there are 167 PreK students enrolled at six sites, and this number is expected to grow as additional funds from the state are made available. MyFutureNC has a goal for North Carolina to serve 75% of the eligible PreK students by 2030. Currently in North Carolina 53% of eligible students are being served.
- Closing an older elementary school and relocating the school to this site. Schools close to this site would be a consideration. One question to evaluate would be does it make good stewards of the taxpayer's money to keep an aging 1950's era school operating with long-term facility maintenance and up keep issues, while you have a facility available that was built in the 1980's that could be used. Several factors would determine this as a possibility and should be extensively evaluated.

Elementary School Considerations

Richmond County Elementary Schools Considerations

Richmond County Schools currently has seven elementary schools, East Rockingham, Fairview Heights, L. J. Bell, Mineral Springs, Monroe Avenue, Washington Street and West Rockingham. The Average Daily Membership (ADM) ranges from a high at East Rockingham of 475 students to a low at West Rockingham of 287. The total ADM at the combined elementary schools for the 2023-24 school year is 2,793 students. Five years ago, in 2020-21 school year the combined ADM was 2,877. This represents a decline of 84 students or 2.9%. The future trends predict a continued gradual decline for the next 5-10 years.

The ages of the seven elementary schools have wide ranges. Fairview Heights, L.J. Bell. Mineral Springs and Monroe Avenue have buildings that were constructed in 1950, 1952, and 1953. This represents a total of 169,621 Sq. Ft. of floor space that is between 71 and 74 years of age. In many cases these buildings are nearing the end of their intended life cycles and continued upkeep, and maintenance will rise.

East Rockingham was constructed in 2009 and overall is in good condition. Washington Street was constructed in 1989 and has been well maintained. Buildings at Mineral Springs in 1994 and Monroe Avenue in 1989 have been added.

Several scenarios should be considered for future study regarding elementary schools in Richmond County.

- To promote efficiency and cost savings consideration should be given to closing one of the older schools and relocate to the 9th Grade

Academy building once those students are relocated to the high school. This would remove from the footprint inventory, buildings built in the 1950's and replace it with a facility built in 1980 and an addition added in 1988.

- Should consideration be given to closing the smallest elementary school and redistributing those students to several adjacent attendance areas? This would reduce the number of elementary schools in the district to six and improve efficiency in transportation, food service and staffing. Thus, over time saving the district substantial amounts of money. A detailed cost analysis should be done to quantify the specific potential for savings.
- Another scenario would be to close two aging facilities and construct a new school. This could be strategically located to redistrict students from multiple existing schools. The main benefit of this possibility would be removing school buildings that are over 70 years of age that are near their intended life span. These old buildings will continue to be expensive to maintain. A new modern school, once built would serve the district for the next 50 plus year. Even if this was a decision that was desirable the ability of funding would be challenging. Perhaps the Needs-Based School Construction funds could be an avenue to pursue.

Needs-Based Public-School Capital Fund

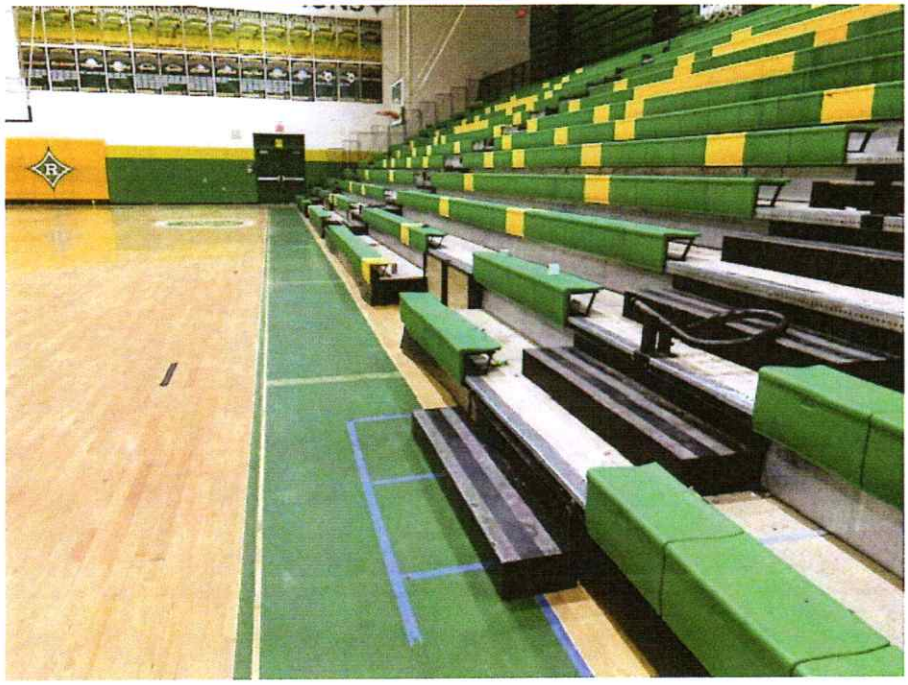
Needs-Based Public-School Capital Fund

In the 2017 Appropriations Act, the General Assembly declared its intent to raise total lottery revenue dedicated to school construction back to 40% by 2028-29. However, the increased lottery funding would not go into the Public-School Building Capital Fund (PSBCF), but will be granted to economically distressed Tier I and Tier II counties through a new Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund. From the beginning of the first year in 2017-18 to fiscal year 2022-23, this program has awarded approximately $1.2 billion dollars to local school districts. Funding has gone to 69 new K-12 construction projects, including 39 new schools, 10 new buildings, and the replacement of 55 existing schools. For new schools the awards are capped at $42 million for elementary schools, $52 million for middle schools and $62 million for high schools. The grants are awarded on a competitive basis based on specific criteria that includes tier designation, ability to generate tax revenue, ratio of debt to tax revenue, critical deficiency, facility replacement, combining two old schools, and length of time application has been submitted. For Tier I counties zero local match is required.

Bleacher Analysis

High School Bleachers





Bleacher Analysis

Based on extensive inspections of the bleachers at Richmond County High Schools and verbal conversations with school staff during the inspection, it is highly recommended that a "scope of work" session be held with key decision makers to determine the proper design of the next generation of seating to be purchased and installed. This would allow a design which best suits the needs of the school and provide the best value.

The existing stands consist of 2,670 +/- gross seats. Gross seats being the total capacity of the structural stands. Actual net seating will reduce this number based on aisles, wheelchair spaces, team seating, etc. Gross seating is used for budget estimating purposes since the structure must be provided for aisles.

The recommended budget for full replacement is $750,000. The budget cost is intended to be "turnkey" and includes: Design, Engineering, Permits, Removal/Disposal of existing seats, material, freight, tax, installation, upgrading of electrical power to accommodate new seating and clean up, etc. It does not include work on the building with examples being floor remediation/refinishing, painting of building or railing changes,

Playground Analysis

Elementary School Playground Analysis

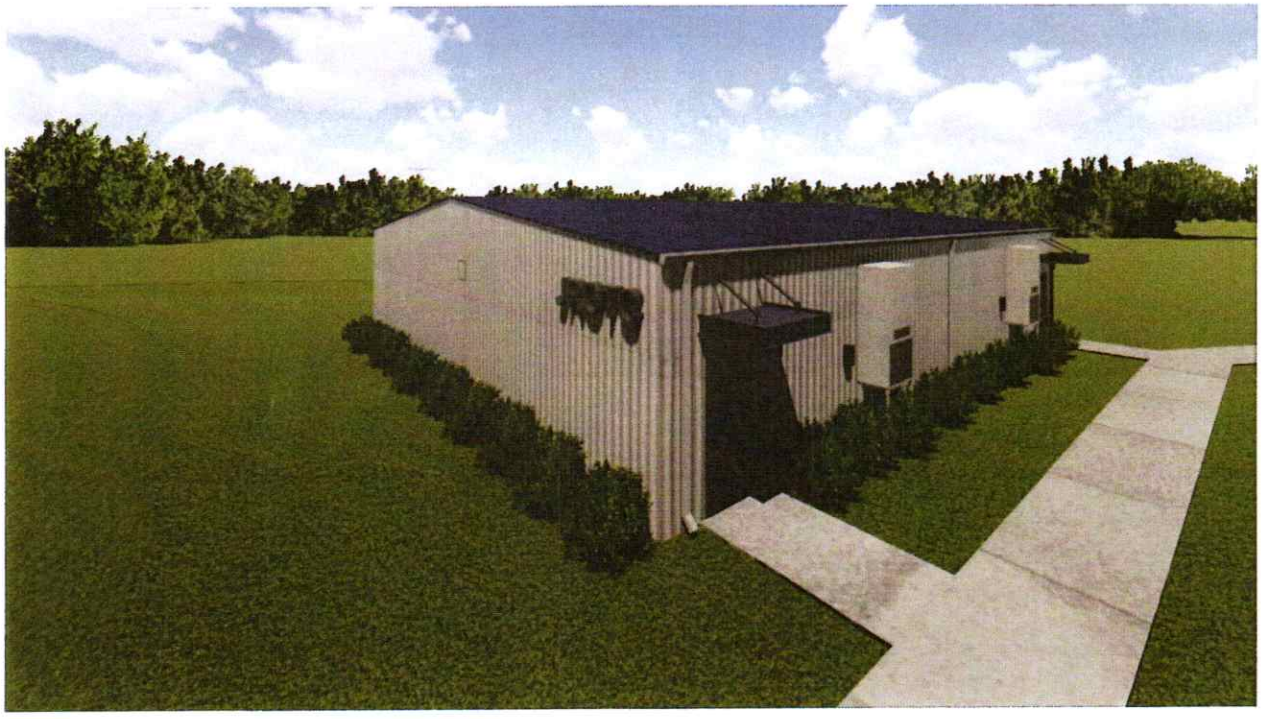
As may be discerned by the detailed assessment of each elementary school playground found in the Appendix, conducted by Atlantic Playgrounds LLC, a division of Carolina Streetscapes, a range of needs existed which can easily be remediated at most schools. However, one school, L. J. Bell, had the most deficiencies.

The cost of bringing each elementary school up to standards that will reduce liability for accidents by a student are as follows:

- L. J. Bell-$200,000
- East Rockingham Elementary-$2,000
- Fairview Heights Elementary -$6,000
- Washington Street Elementary-$3,500
- Monroe Avenue Elementary-$80,000
- West Rockingham Elementary-$5,000
- Mineral Springs Elementary-$90,000

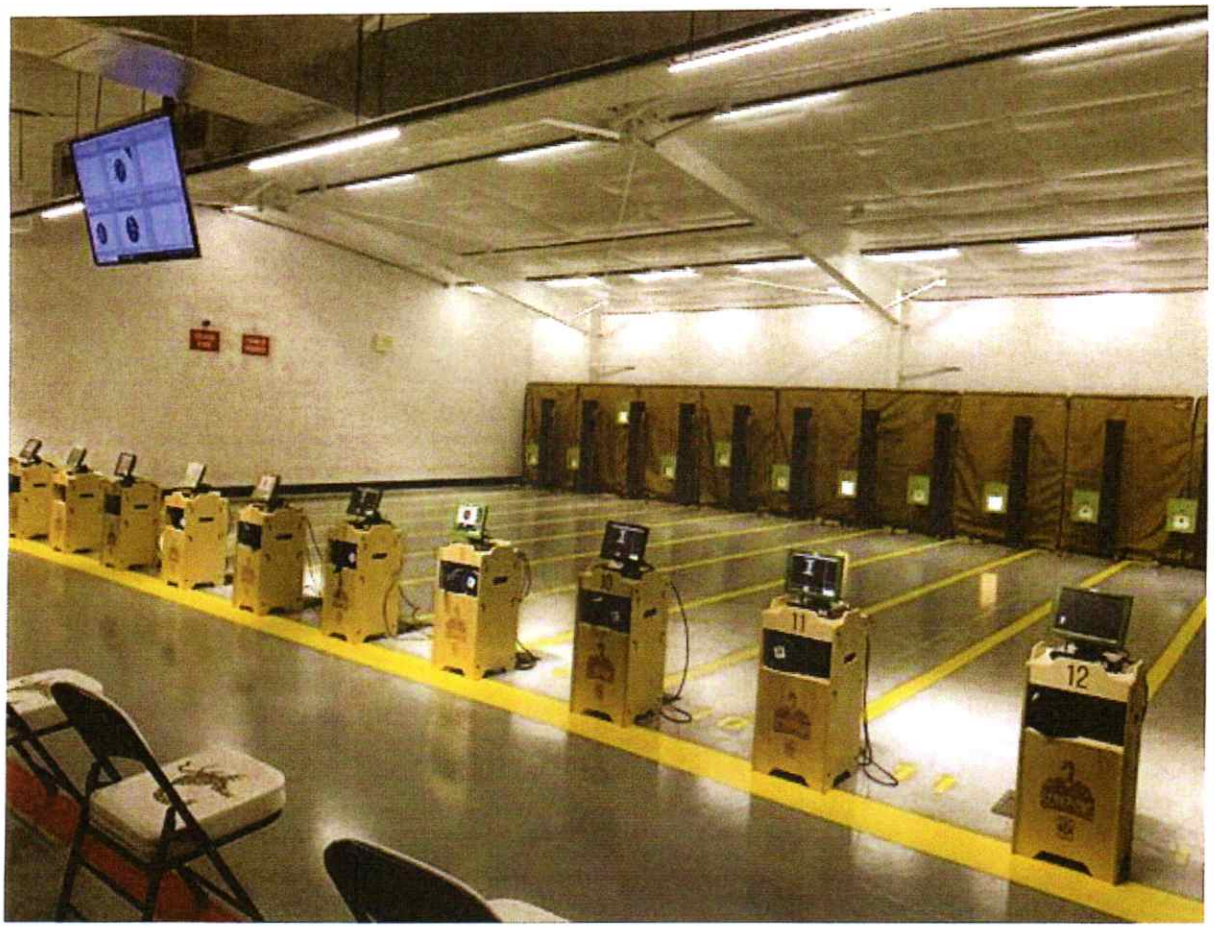
It is recommended that action be taken to mitigate the potential liability to the school district in the case of an unexpected accident.

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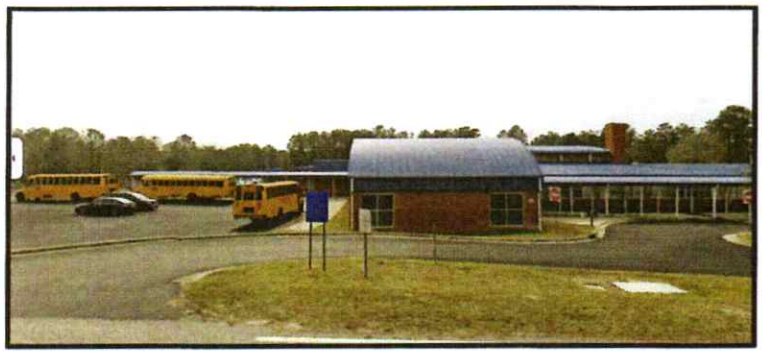






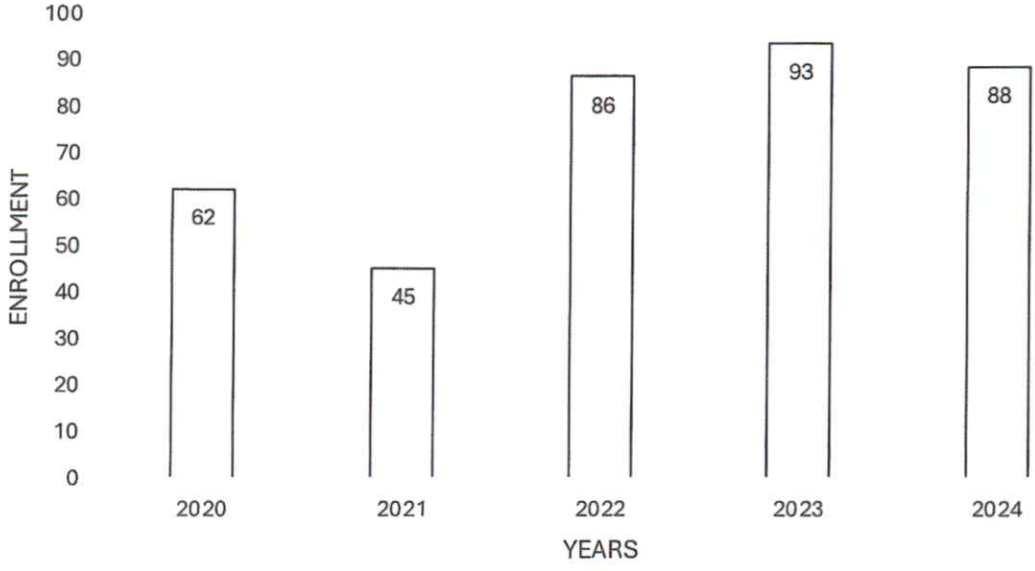

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Ashley Chapel Education Center

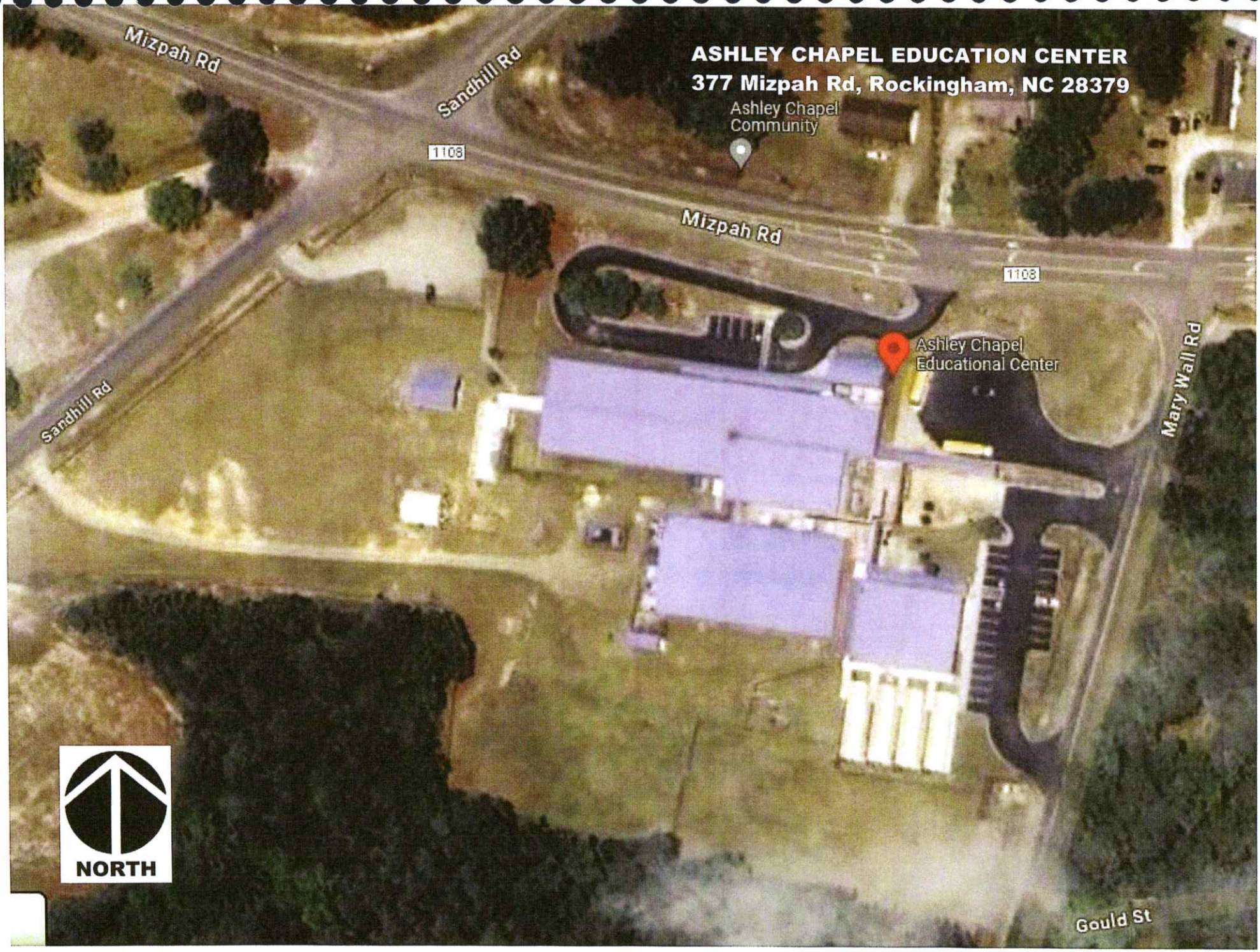


Building(s)	Construction Date	Area (square footage)
Original Classroom/Cafeteria Building	1957	19,678
Classroom Pod Building	1953	4,301
Gym Building	2000	12,350
Office – Administration	2000	1,170
Total Square Footage	37,499	
Acreage	10	
Facility Capacity		
2023-2024 ADM	88	

ADM Trends



Source: Richmond County Schools

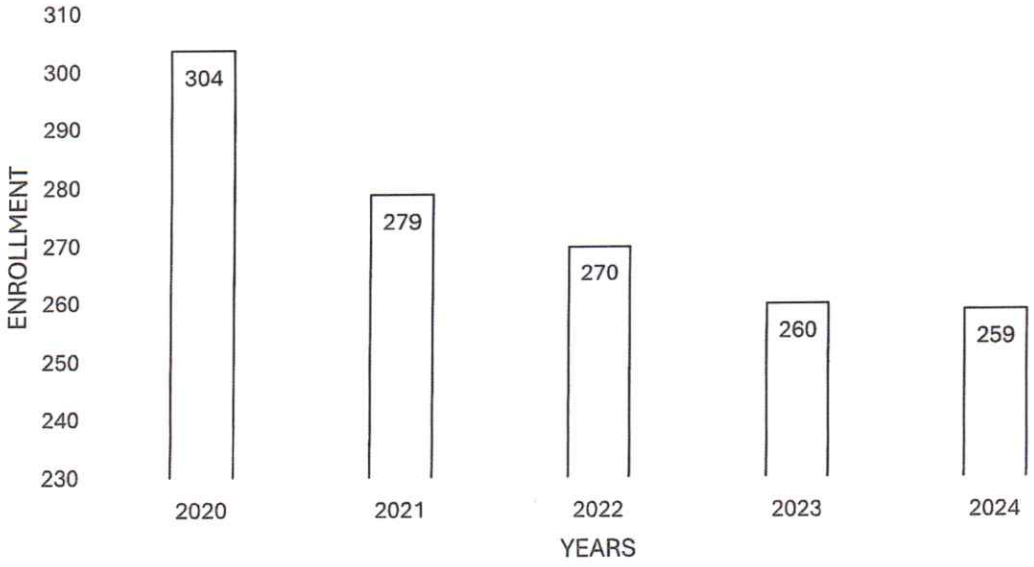

ASHLEY CHAPEL EDUCATION CENTER
377 Mizpah Rd, Rockingham, NC 28379
Ashley Chapel Community
Ashley Chapel Educational Center
Mizpah Rd
Sandhill Rd
1108
Mary Wall Rd
Gould St
NORTH

Cordova Middle School



Building(s)	Construction Date	Area (square footage)
Original Classroom/Cafeteria Building	1950	8,529
Main Building	1994	36,695
New Gym	2018	12,800
Office – Administration	2000	1,170
Total Square Footage	58,024	
Acreage	8	
Facility Capacity	345	
2023-2024 ADM	259	

ADM Trends



Source: Richmond County Schools

Cordova Middle School

The enrollment capacity at this school is **345**. The current Average Daily Membership (ADM), is **259**. Over the past five years the enrollment trend has declined by **45** students. There currently are no vacant classrooms at this site. Additionally, no mobile units are located on campus.

A major addition was constructed at this school in 1994 and contained 36,695 sq. ft. Other buildings on campus were built in 1950, 2000 and 2018. Parking for both staff and visitors is adequate.

Three identified needs at this school include:

- Running Track to serve both the physical education classes and the sports program
- A multi-purpose Concession/Restroom/Storage building to be used for football, baseball and softball
- A covered walkway connecting the new gym to the main classroom building

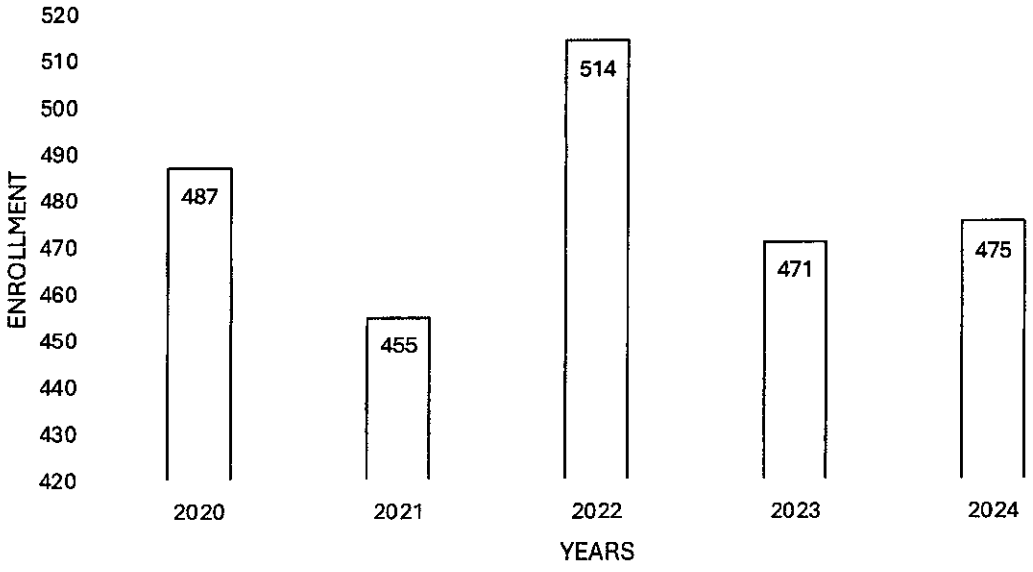

CORDOVA MIDDLE SCHOOL
194 Church St, Rockingham, NC 28379
Cordova Fire & Rescue Squad
7th St
lyrsa
Cordova Baptist Church
Church St
Cordova Middle School
Cordova Elementary School
Romper Room
1109
Church St
Church St
1109
8th St
Cordova United Methodist Church
NORTH
8th St
1109

East Rockingham Elementary School



Building(s)	Construction Date	Area (square footage)
Original Building	2009	81,266
Total Square Footage	81,266	
Acreage	26	
Facility Capacity	535	
2023-2024 ADM	475	

ADM Trends



Source: Richmond County Schools

East Rockingham Elementary School

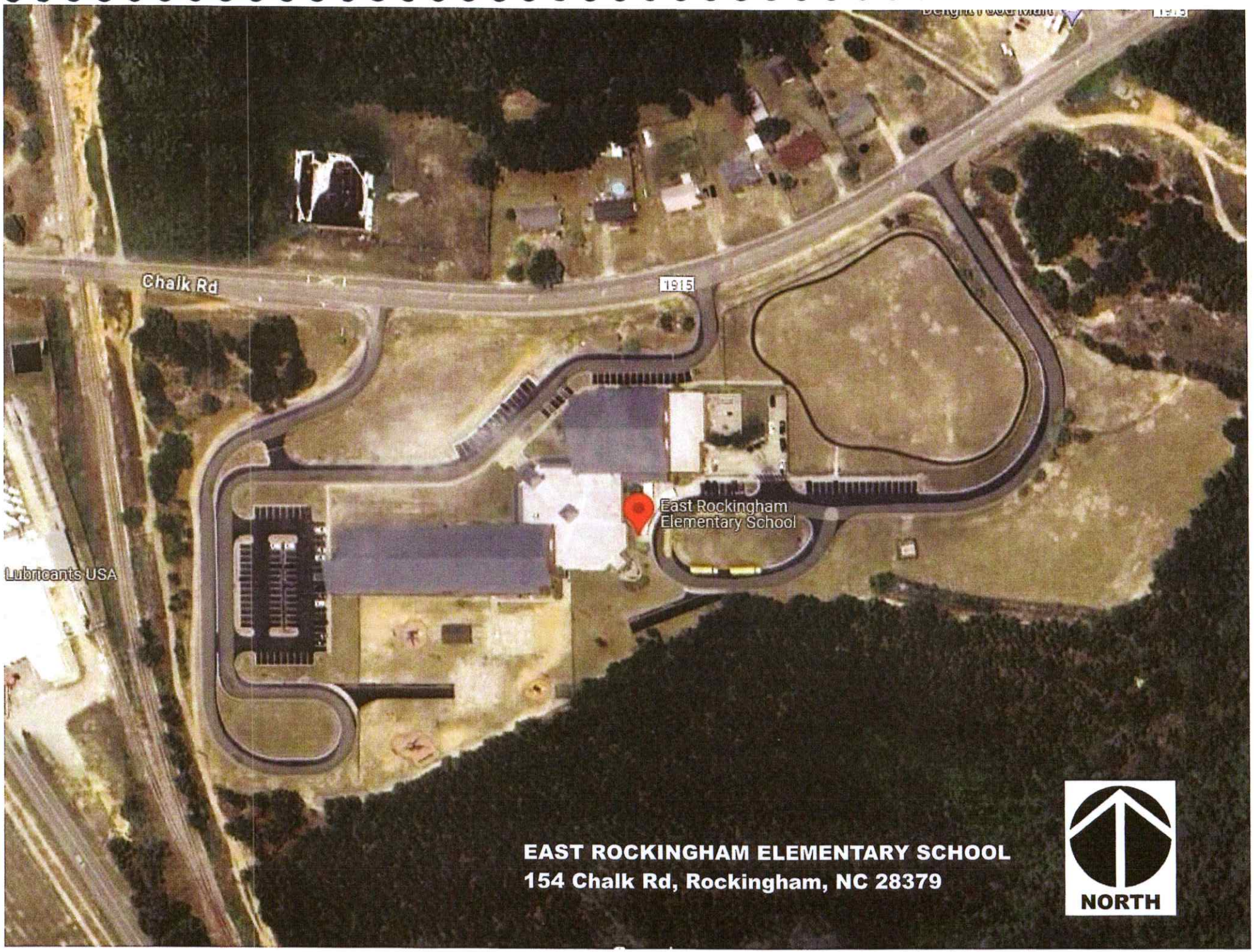
The enrollment capacity at this school is **535**. The current Average Daily Membership (ADM), is **475**. Over the past five years the enrollment trend has remained fairly steady with a spike in 2022 to **513** students. Currently, there are no vacant classrooms at this site. Additionally, no mobile units are located on campus.

This school is the most recent entirely built new school in the district having been built in 2009 and opened in 2010. The school contains 81,266 sq. ft. and is located on 26 acres. Parking for both staff and visitors is adequate. There are 64 security cameras in use at this site.

A playground assessment was conducted and a detailed report is included in this section. Minimal issued were found and if those identified were corrected the estimated cost would be $2,000.

Two identified needs at this school include:

- Additional perimeter fencing for safety and security
- Enlarged playground facility


Chalk Rd
1915
East Rockingham
Elementary School
Lubricants USA
EAST ROCKINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
154 Chalk Rd, Rockingham, NC 28379
NORTH

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Playground Safety Inspection Report

Name: East Rockingham Elementary School

Location: 154 Chalk Rd; Rockingham, NC 28479

CPSI Inspector: Scott Terrell **CPSI #:** 52298-1124

Date: 03/14/24

Priority Rating Scale (1-4)

1. Permanent disability, loss of life or body part – correct immediately.
2. Serious injury resulting in temporary disability – correct as soon as possible.
3. Minor (non-disabling) Injury – correct when time permits.
4. Potential for injury minimal – check to see if worsens

Play areas

1. Equipment #1: Area 1– playground– in compliance
2. Equipment #2: Area 2– playground– not in compliance
3. Equipment #3: Area 3– playground– in compliance

Safety Surfacing	**Compliant**	**Hazard**
• Transition from the path to surfacing is less than 0.5".		
• The surface material is adequate and proper depth.		
• Loose fill is at correct height at transfer platform.		4
• Loose fill is at correct depth at slide exits & swings.		4
• Surfacing material is free from debris.		
• No roots, rocks or objects are a tripping hazard.		
• Unitary surface retains adequate absorbing abilities.		
• Use zones assigned to each play unit are in compliance.		
• ADA access to area is provided.		
• _____		

Equipment		
• Warning/information sign and/or labels are in place.		
• There is no missing parts on equipment.		2
• All playground functions are in reliable working order.		
• No excessive wear, broken or missing parts.		
• All opening meet entrapment/entanglement requirements.		
• All hardware meets protrusion requirements.		

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Equipment, cont.	**Compliant**	**Hazard**
• All hardware is in place and secure.	_____	_____
• There are no exposed edges to cause injury.	_____	_____
• No footings are exposed, cracked or loose.	_____	_____
• Clamps and rivets are in place and secure.	_____	_____
• All barriers and guardrails are in place and secure.	_____	_____
• Decks are level, secure and coated with protective finish.	_____	4_____
• No rust, corrosion or peeling paint.	_____	_____
• Plastic is smooth, no cracks or cuts.	_____	_____
• Tree limbs are greater than 84" from equipment.	_____	_____
• Border around playground is adequate and secure.	_____	_____
• Upright and pipe caps are in place and secure.	_____	3_____
• _____	_____	_____

Repairs / Comments: (insert photos)

Area 2; playground 1

PRIORITY 4

Slide exit outside 7'-15" range. Improper installation; leave as is.*



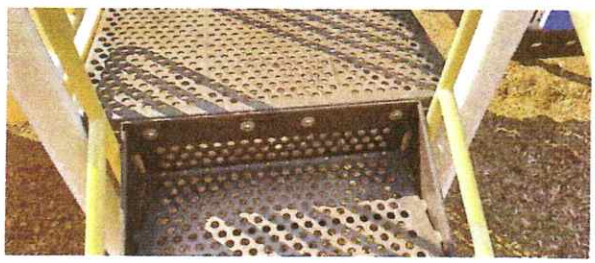
PRIORITY 4

Slide exit outside 7'-15" range. Improper installation; leave as is.*



PRIORITY 2

Playground 2- Playground Coating deterioration; metal exposure; corrosion to due to exposure



PRIORITY 2

Playground #2: Missing hand grip; replace



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Area 3; playground 1

PRIORITY 4

Slide exit outside 7'-15" range. Improper installation; leave as is.*





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- Playground pass safety inspection; Area 2 and 3 playgrounds were not installed to the correct height based upon the safety surfacing requirements. Though there is adequate safety surfacing, the safety surfacing encroaches on the slide exit height range, 7'-15" . Other than re-installation, there is no practical solution.

OVERALL RECOMMENDATIONS

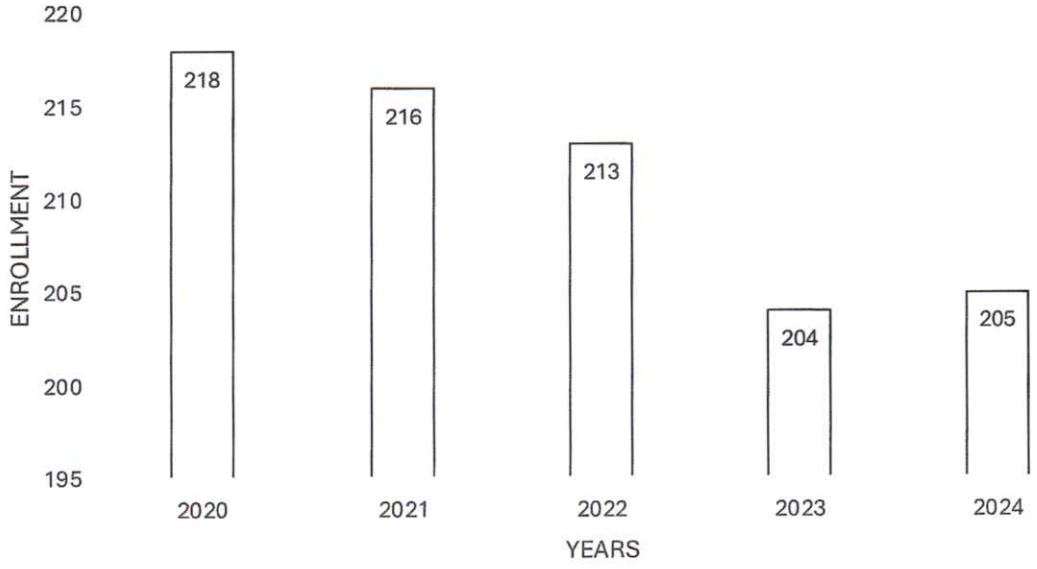
Make all necessary repairs: Estimated cost: $2000.00

Ellerbe Middle School



Building(s)	Construction Date	Area (square footage)
Old Shop Building	1940	4,307
Old Cafeteria/Shop Building	1950	17,653
Old Auditorium/Classroom Building	1957	31,228
Classroom/Media Center Addition	1989	11,079
Total Square Footage	64,267	
Acreage	16	
Facility Capacity	300	
2023-2024 ADM	205	

ADM Trends



Source: Richmond County Schools

Ellerbe Middle School

The enrollment capacity at this school is **300**. The current Average Daily Membership (ADM), is **205**. Over the past five years the enrollment trend has slowly declined from a high of **218** in 2020. Future projections have the school bottoming out with an enrollment of **185** over the next few years. Currently, there are two vacant classrooms at this site. Additionally, no mobile units are located on campus.

A significant portion of this school was built in the 1950's. the age of these buildings are between 74 and 67 years of age. A 1940 old shop building is on-site and is used for storage. In 1989 a classroom/media center was added to the school. Parking for both staff and visitors is adequate, however the staff lot is a dirt parking lot and during inclement weather causes some issues in the building.

Several other identified needs at this school include:

- A track is needed for physical education classes and sports programs
- Auditorium is in need of refurbishing
- Gymnasium restroom and locker rooms need updating
- Gym floor needs refinishing
- Air Conditioning in Gym
- Need a separate ingress and egress for car riders and buses

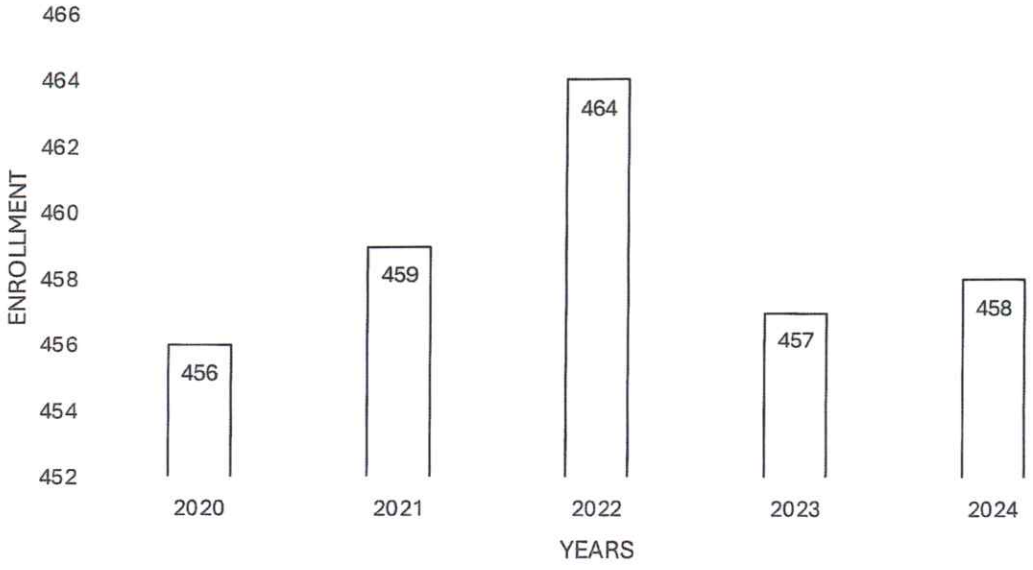

ELLERBE MIDDLE SCHOOL
128 Ballard St, Ellerbe, NC 28338
Richmond County School Bus Garage
Ellerbe Middle School
First Presbyterian Church
6th St
5th St
Ballard St
4th St
3rd St
2nd St
NORTH
Google

Fairview Heights Elementary School



Building(s)	Construction Date	Area (square footage)
Old Classroom/Auditorium Building	1950	54,015
Classroom Addition	1969	10,298
Media Center Building	2008	5,007
Total Square Footage	69,320	
Acreage	15	
Facility Capacity	520	
2023-2024 ADM	458	

ADM Trends



Source: Richmond County Schools

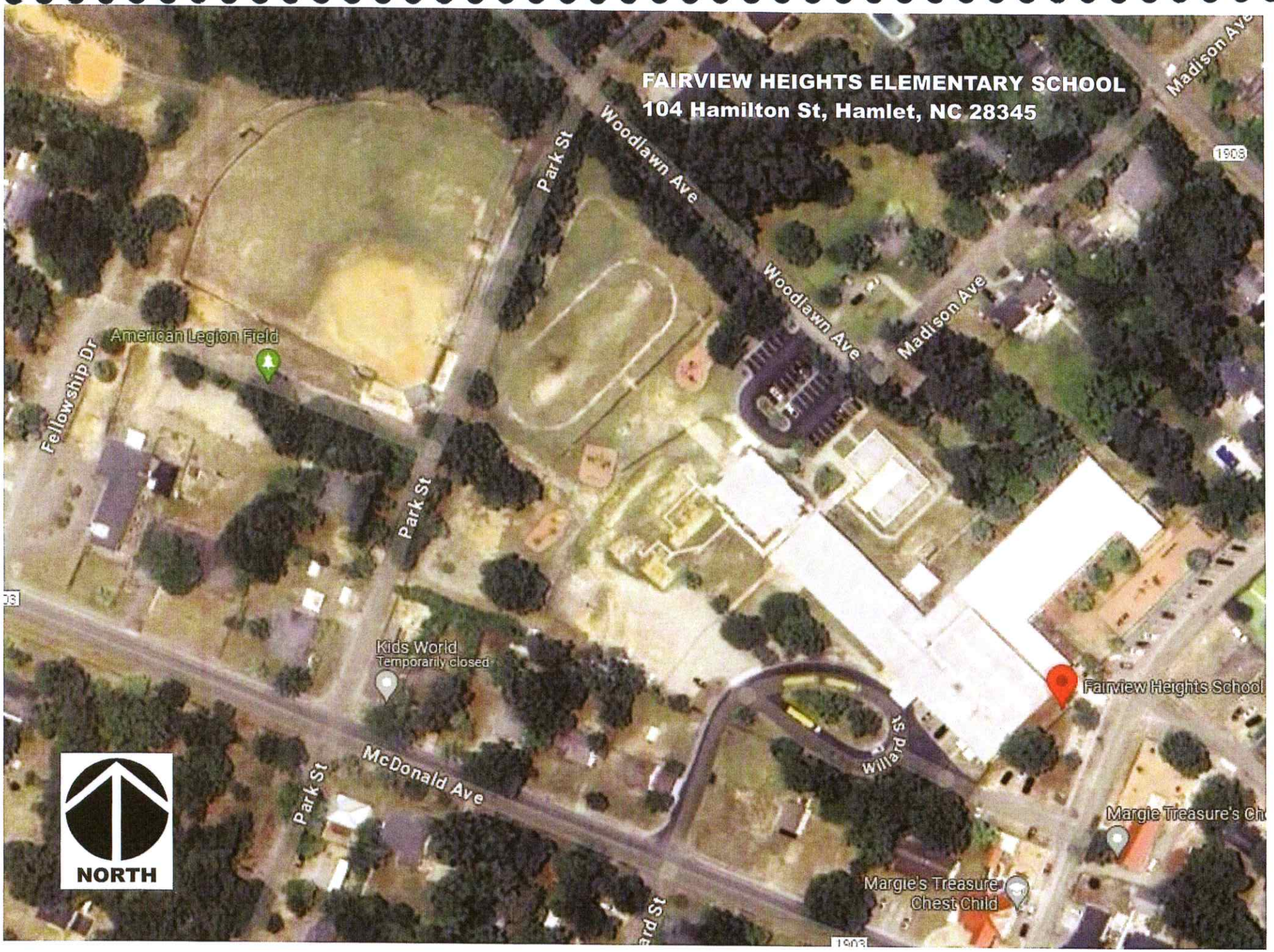
Fairview Heights Elementary School

The enrollment capacity at this school is **520**. The current Average Daily Membership (ADM), is **458**. Over the past five years the enrollment trend has been fairly steady. Currently, there are no vacant classrooms at this site. Additionally, no mobile units are located on campus. A new gymnasium with restrooms, storage and offices is currently under construction. The entire project will add 7,034 sw. ft. to the facility.

A significant portion of this school was built in the 1950. This 1950 structure contains 54,015 feet and is 74 years old. Additions were added on this campus in 1989 and 2008. The front parking lot which is used for office staff and visitors is inadequate. Frequently there is spill over onto Hamilton Drive and complaints are made by neighbors and businesses in the adjacent area. The back-parking lot for teachers is adequate, however the staff lot at the side is not paved parking lot and during inclement weather causes some issues in the building. There are 41 security cameras at this school.

Several other identified needs at this school include:

- In the older building the restrooms need refurbishing
- Playground needs improvements (A detailed reported is included in this section). Necessary repairs would cost $6,000.00
- As stated previously parking lot improvements are needed


FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
104 Hamilton St, Hamlet, NC 28345
Madison Ave
1908
Park St
Woodlawn Ave
Woodlawn Ave
Madison Ave
American Legion Field
Fellowship Dr
Park St
Kids World
Temporarily closed
Fairview Heights School
Willard St
McDonald Ave
Park St
Margie Treasure's Ch
Margie's Treasure Chest Child
NORTH

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Playground Safety Inspection Report

Name: Fairview Heights School

Location: 104 Hamilton St; Hamlet, NC 28345

CPSI Inspector: Scott Terrill **CPSI #:** 52298-1124

Date: 03/14/24

Priority Rating Scale (1-4)

1. Permanent disability, loss of life or body part – correct immediately.
2. Serious injury resulting in temporary disability – correct as soon as possible.
3. Minor (non-disabling) Injury – correct when time permits.
4. Potential for injury minimal – check to see if worsens.

Play Areas

1. Equipment #1: Area 1– swings– in compliance
2. Equipment #2: Area 1– independent play– in compliance
3. Equipment #3: Area 1– playground– in compliance
4. Equipment #4: Area 2– playground– not in compliance
5. Equipment #5 Area 2– swings– not in compliance
6. Equipment #6: Area 3– playground– not in compliance
7. Equipment #7: Area 3– climber– In compliance
8. Equipment #8: Area 3– swings– not in compliance

Safety Surfacing	**Compliant**	**Hazard**
• Transition from the path to surfacing is less than 0.5".		
• The surface material is adequate and proper depth.		
• Loose fill is at correct height at transfer platform.		
• Loose fill is at correct depth at slide exits & swings.		
• Surfacing material is free from debris.		
• No roots, rocks or objects are a tripping hazard.		
• Unitary surface retains adequate absorbing abilities.		
• Use zones assigned to each play unit are in compliance.		
• ADA access to area is provided.		
• _____		

Equipment		
• Warning/information sign and/or labels are in place.		
• There is no missing parts on equipment.		4
• All playground functions are in reliable working order.		
• No excessive wear or broken parts.		
• All opening meet entrapment/entanglement requirements.		3
• All hardware meets protrusion requirements.		2

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Equipment, cont.	**Compliant**	**Hazard**
• All hardware is in place and secure.	_____	_____
• There are no exposed edges to cause injury.	_____	_____
• No footings are exposed, cracked or loose.	_____	_____
• Clamps and rivets are in place and secure.	_____	_____
• All barriers and guardrails are in place and secure.	_____	_____
• Decks are level, secure and coated with protective finish.	_____	_____
• No rust, corrosion or peeling paint.	_____	2_____
• Plastic is smooth, no cracks or cuts.	_____	_____
• Tree limbs are greater than 84" from equipment.	_____	_____
• Border around playground is adequate and secure.	_____	_____
• Upright and pipe caps are in place and secure.	_____	3_____
• _____	_____	_____

Repairs / Comments: (insert photos)

Area 3; playground

PRIORITY 2

Playground 3: rings exceed 7" max length





Area 3; swings

PRIORITY 2

Swing 3: Corroding swing hardware; replace all swings seat belts, chains and clevis hooks



Area 2; playground

PRIORITY 4

Playground 2– replace missing panel

Slide height does not meet minimum 7" (7'-15") height off safety surfacing



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Area 2 playground

PRIORITY 2

Playground 2- Remediate rusted areas; (sand, repaint affected area).



Area 2 playground

PRIORITY 2

Slide torn from bolt securing to post



Area 2 playground

PRIORITY 2

Missing 4" post cap; replace



Area 2; swings

PRIORITY 2

Corroding swing hardware; replace all swings seat belts, chains and clevis hooks



OVERALL RECOMMENDATIONS

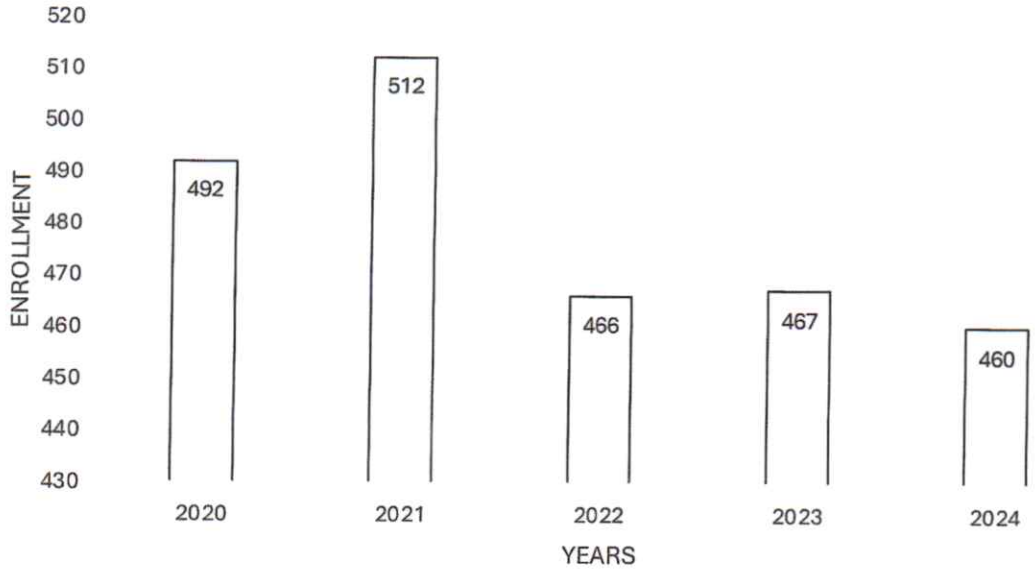
Make all necessary repairs; Estimated cost: $6000.00

LJ Bell Elementary School



Building(s)	Construction Date	Area (square footage)
Original Building	1952	53,704
Classroom Addition	1955	4,982
K-Pod Building	1978	7,010
GYM Building	2011	10,230
Total Square Footage	75,926	
Acreage	13	
Facility Capacity	545	
2023-2024 ADM	460	

ADM Trends



Source: Richmond County Schools

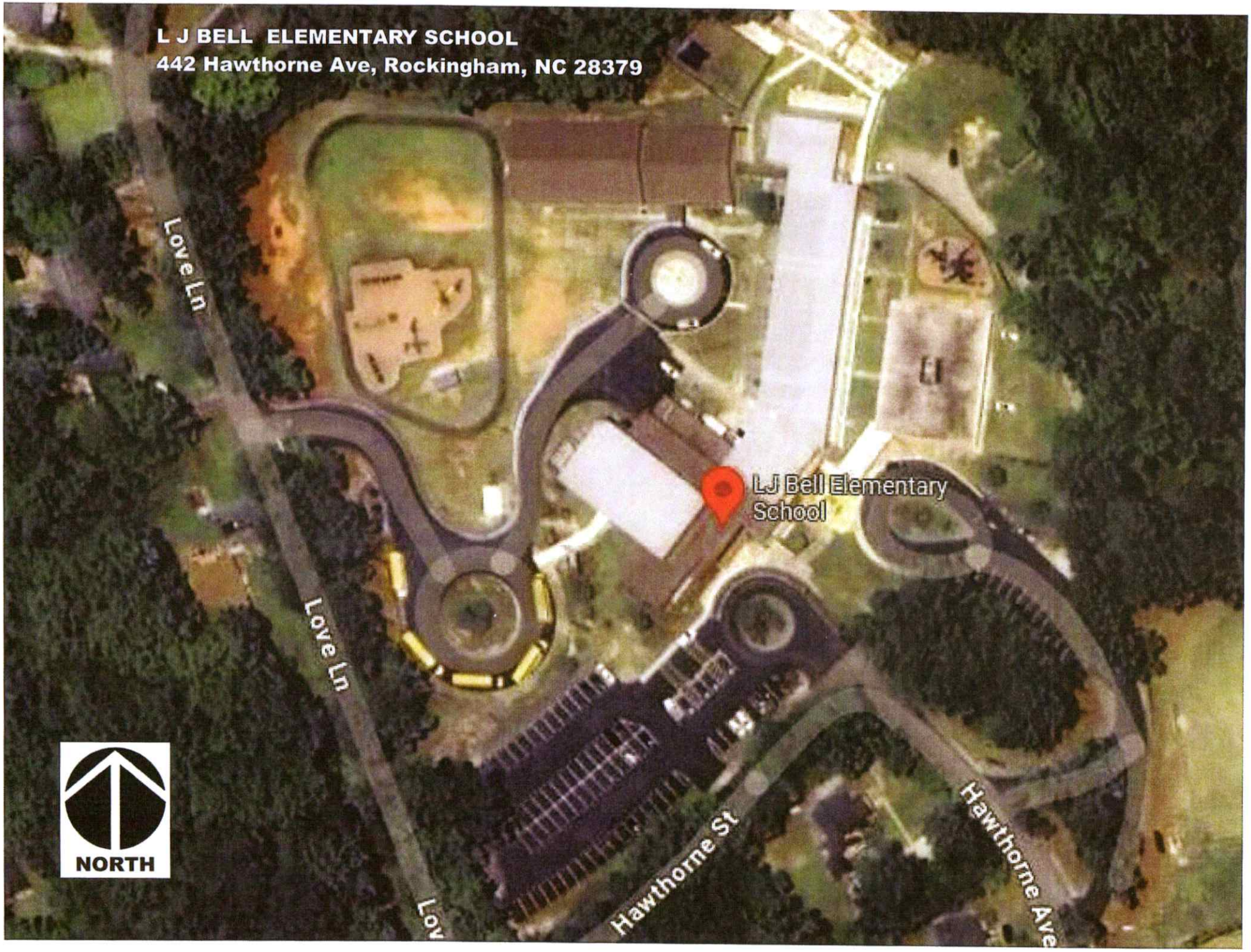
L.J. Bell Elementary School

The enrollment capacity at this school is **545**. The current Average Daily Membership (ADM), is **460**. Over the past five years the enrollment trend has declined. Currently, there are three vacant classrooms at this site. Additionally, there are three mobile units located on campus. The majority of this school was built in the 1950's. Additions were added in 1978 and 2011.

The parking lot for visitors and staff is at capacity. The campus has multiple buildings and concerns persistent about safety of students when they move from building to building. A feasibility study is needed to explore ways buildings could be secured with a goal of single source entry. Throughout the 1950's building group toilets are in need of being refurbished. There are 50 security cameras at this school.

Needs identified at this school include:

- In the older building the restrooms need refurbishing
- Playground needs extensive replacement and improvements (A detailed reported is included in this section). Estimated replacement would cost $200,000.00
- An evaluation of safety and security options for connecting buildings
- Additional covered walkways


L J BELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
442 Hawthorne Ave, Rockingham, NC 28379
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LJ Bell Elementary School
Hawthorne St
Hawthorne Ave
NORTH

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Playground Safety Inspection Report

Name: LJ Bell Elementary School

Location: 442 Hawthorne Ave.; Rockingham, NC 28379

CPSI Inspector: Scott Terrill **CPSI #:** 52298-1124

Date: 03/14/24

Priority Rating Scale (1-4)

1. Permanent disability, loss of life or body part – correct immediately.
2. Serious injury resulting in temporary disability – correct as soon as possible.
3. Minor (non-disabling) Injury – correct when time permits.
4. Potential for injury minimal – check to see if worsens.

Play Areas

1. Equipment #1: Area 1– playground– not in compliance
2. Equipment #2: Area 2– playground #1– not in compliance
3. Equipment #3: Area 2– playground #2– not in compliance
4. Equipment #4: Area 2– slide– not in compliance
5. Equipment #5-Area 2– swings– not in compliance

Safety Surfacing	**Compliant**	**Hazard**
• Transition from the path to surfacing is less than 0.5".		
• The surface material is adequate and proper depth.		
• Loose fill is at correct height at transfer platform.		
• Loose fill is at correct depth at slide exits & swings.		
• Surfacing material is free from debris.		
• No roots, rocks or objects are a tripping hazard.		
• Unitary surface retains adequate absorbing abilities.		
• Use zones assigned to each play unit are in compliance.		
• ADA access to area is provided.		
• _____		

Equipment		
• Warning/information sign and/or labels are in place.		
• There is no missing parts on equipment.		2
• All playground functions are in reliable working order.		
• No excessive wear, broken or missing parts.		2
• All opening meet entrapment/entanglement requirements.		
• All hardware meets protrusion requirements.		

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Equipment, cont.	Compliant	Hazard
• All hardware is in place and secure.	_____	_____
• There are no exposed edges to cause injury.	_____	2_____
• No footings are exposed, cracked or loose.	_____	_____
• Clamps and rivets are in place and secure.	_____	_____
• All barriers and guardrails are in place and secure.	_____	_____
• Decks are level, secure and coated with protective finish.	_____	2_____
• No rust, corrosion or peeling paint.	_____	2_____
• Plastic is smooth, no cracks or cuts.	_____	_____
• Tree limbs are greater than 84" from equipment.	_____	_____
• Border around playground is adequate and secure.	_____	_____
• Upright and pipe caps are in place and secure.	_____	_____
• _____	_____	_____

Repairs / Comments: (insert photos)

Area 1

PRIORITY 4

Slide exit bed height (7"-15") exceeds maximum height requirements



Area 2; playground 1

PRIORITY 2

Overall- Decks are worn; protective coating wearing off; though there is no sharp edges or current corrosion, rust is eminent and will need to be ground, painted or replaced.







PRIORITY 2

No ADA accessibility

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Area 2

PRIORITY 4

Aged unit; consider re-placing



Area 2; playground 2

PRIORITY 2

OVERALL– Remove/ replace; multiple safety infractions due to age and damage. The existing design does not meet current CPSI playground safety guidelines.







PRIORITY 2

Missing ADA hand-rail; rusting decks

PRIORITY 2

Missing handrails;





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Area 2; swing 1

PRIORITY 2

Swing chains too close to frame; remove one belt seat per bay; corroding swing hardware; replace all swings seat belts, chains and clevis hooks

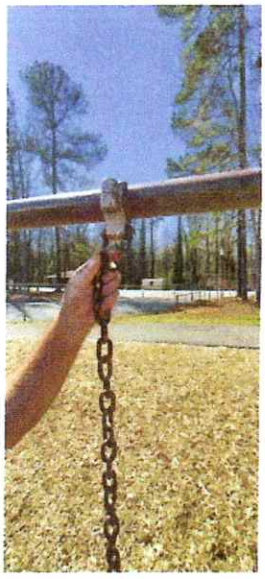


Area 2; swing 2

PRIORITY 2

Swing chains too close to frame; remove one belt seat per bay; corroding swing hardware; replace all swings seat belts, chains and clevis hooks





OVERALL RECOMMENDATIONS

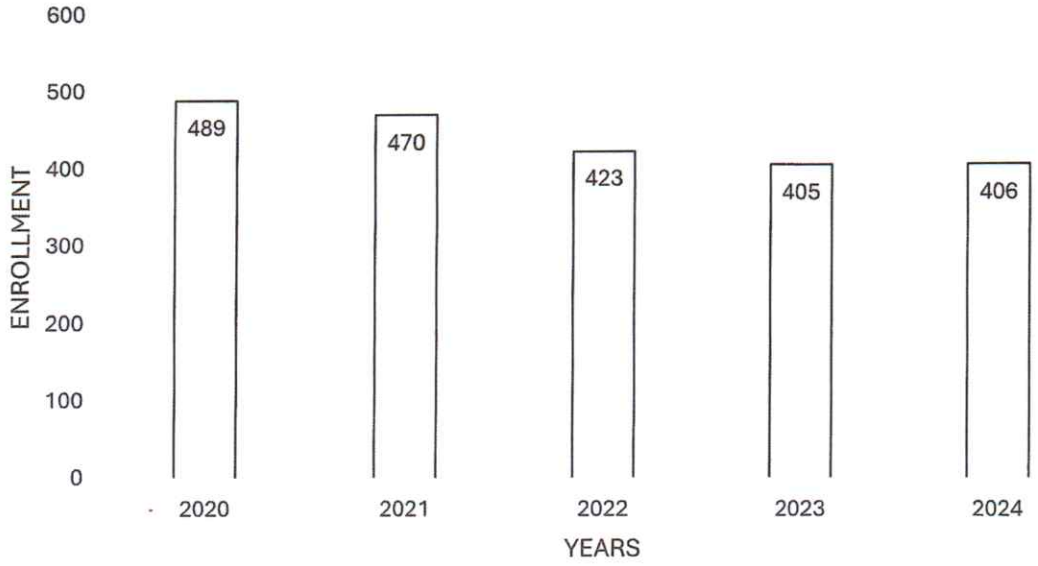
Remove/replace all play equipment in Area #2. Existing is outdated and does not comply with ADA and CPSI safety standards. Estimated cost: $200,000.00

Hamlet Middle School



Building(s)	Construction Date	Area (square footage)
Original Building	1976	66,700
Total Square Footage	66,700	
Acreage	41	
Facility Capacity	500	
2023-2024 ADM	406	

ADM Trends



Source: Richmond County Schools

Hamlet Middle School

The enrollment capacity at this school is **500**. The current Average Daily Membership (ADM), is **406**. Over the past five years the enrollment trend has steadily declined. Currently, there are four classrooms that could be repurposed. Additionally, there are three mobile units located on campus. This school was built in 1976. It is approaching 50 years old and needs an overall facelift.

The parking lot for visitors and staff is often times over capacity. Outdoor restrooms for sporting events are needed.

Needs identified at this school include:

- School needs an over facelift-Approaching 50 years old
- Outdoor building that would contain restrooms/concessions/storage for sporting events
- Expanded parking
- Additional covered walkways

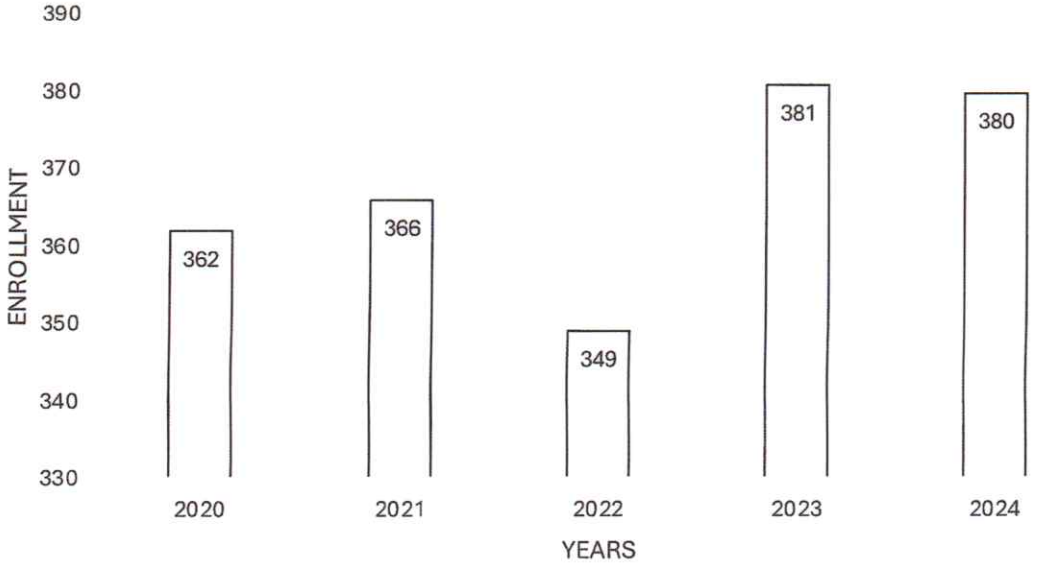

HAMLET MIDDLE SCHOOL
1406 McDonald Ave, Hamlet, NC 28345
Hamlet Middle School
1903
McDonald Ave
1903
NORTH

Mineral Springs Elementary School



Building(s)	Construction Date	Area (square footage)
Original Classroom/Gym	1951	28,577
Original Classroom Pod	1957	6,860
Media Center/Classroom Addition	1994	24,614
Total Square Footage	60,051	
Acreage	24	
Facility Capacity	440	
2023-2024 ADM	380	

ADM Trends



Source: Richmond County Schools

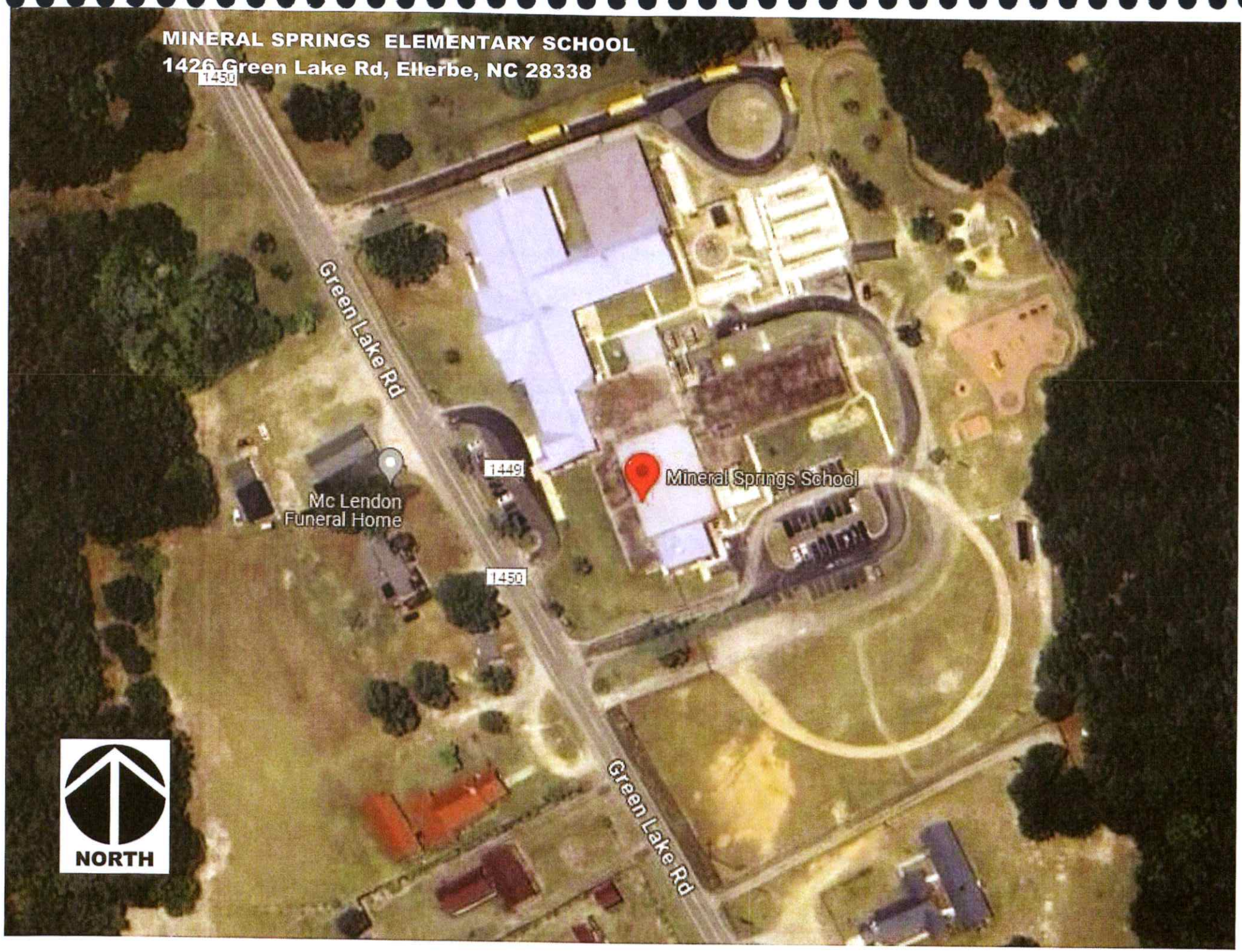
Mineral Springs Elementary School

The current capacity at this school is **440**. The current Average Daily Membership (ADM) is **380**. Over the past five years the enrollment has fluctuated from a low of **345** in 2022 to a high of **381** in 2023. Five years ago, enrollment was at **362**. Currently there are seven mobile units in use at this school. A 9,139 Sq. Ft. addition is currently under construction at this site. This will add six classrooms, restrooms, and a staff work area. This should eliminate the need for future use of the mobile units.

The original building was built in 1951, with additions added in 1957 and 1994. There are 20 security cameras located on campus. An overall facelift to the original classroom building is needed. Additional traffic studies are needed to provide alternatives to the current traffic patterns that has significant back up in morning and afternoon drop-offs/pickups onto Green Lake Road.

Needs identified at this school include:

- Overall facelift to 1951 building
- Additional Covered Walkways
- Limited visitor parking
- Additional perimeter fencing
- Significant playground repairs and replacement that would cost an estimated $90,000 (A detailed report is in this section)


MINERAL SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1426 Green Lake Rd, Ellerbe, NC 28338
1450
Green Lake Rd
1449
Mc Lendon
Funeral Home
Mineral Springs School
1450
Green Lake Rd
NORTH

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Playground Safety Inspection Report

Name: Mineral Springs School

Location: 1426 Green Lake Rd; Ellerby, NC 28338

CPSI Inspector: Scott Terrill **CPSI #:** 52298-1124

Date: 03/14/24

Priority Rating Scale (1-4)

1. Permanent disability, loss of life or body part – correct immediately.
2. Serious injury resulting in temporary disability – correct as soon as possible.
3. Minor (non-disabling) Injury – correct when time permits.
4. Potential for injury minimal – check to see if worsens.

Play areas

1. Equipment #1: Playground– Not in compliance
2. Equipment #2: Independent play (4)- In compliance
3. Equipment #3: Dome climber– in compliance
4. Equipment #4: Rock wall climber– not in compliance
5. Equipment #5: Swings– Not in compliance

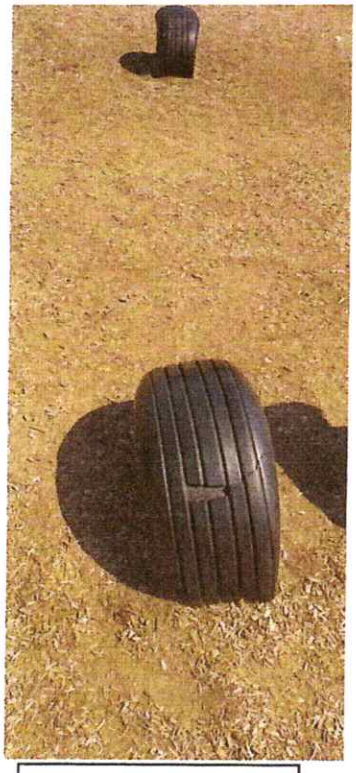
Safety Surfacing	**Compliant**	**Hazard**
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• Loose fill is at correct height at transfer platform.		
• Loose fill is at correct depth at slide exits & swings.		
• Surfacing material is free from debris.		
• No roots, rocks or objects are a tripping hazard.		
• Unitary surface retains adequate absorbing abilities.		
• Use zones assigned to each play unit are in compliance.		
• ADA access to area is provided.		
• _____		

Equipment		
• Warning/information sign and/or labels are in place.		
• There is no missing parts on equipment.		
• All playground functions are in reliable working order.		
• No excessive wear, broken or missing parts.		2
• All opening meet entrapment/entanglement requirements.		1
• All hardware meets protrusion requirements.		

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Equipment, cont.	**Compliant**	**Hazard**
• All hardware is in place and secure.	_____	_____
• There are no exposed edges to cause injury.	_____	3_____
• No footings are exposed, cracked or loose.	_____	_____
• Clamps and rivets are in place and secure.	_____	_____
• All barriers and guardrails are in place and secure.	_____	_____
• Decks are level, secure and coated with protective finish.	_____	4_____
• No rust, corrosion or peeling paint.	_____	_____
• Plastic is smooth, no cracks or cuts.	_____	_____
• Tree limbs are greater than 84" from equipment.	_____	_____
• Border around playground is adequate and secure.	_____	_____
• Upright and pipe caps are in place and secure.	_____	_____

Repairs / Comments: (insert photos)



PRIORITY 3

Risk of exposed steel belt/threads from tires; replace

PRIORITY 3

Missing hand grips



PRIORITY 3

Aging wood structure prone to splinter/ safety hazards



PRIORITY 1

Head entrapment at makeshift (2'x4') barrier.



PRIORITY 2

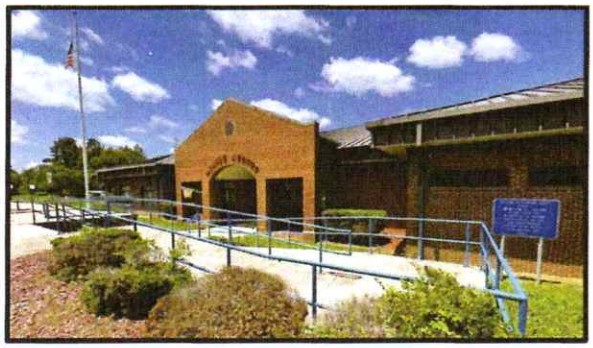
Corroding swing hardware; replace all swings seat belts, chains and clevis hooks



OVERALL RECOMMENDATIONS

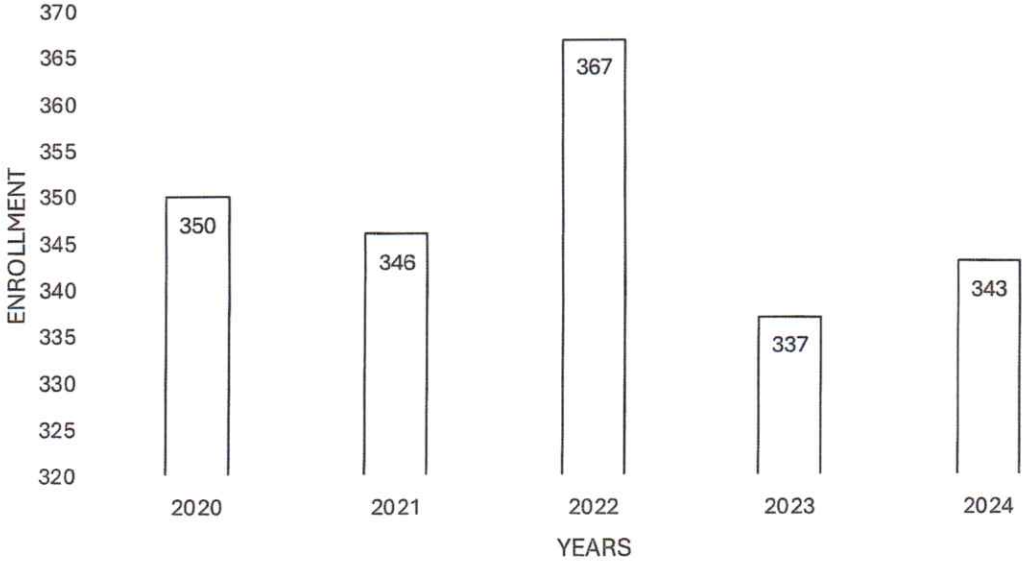
Remove/replace play structure: Estimated cost: $90,000.00

Monroe Ave Elementary School



Building(s)	Construction Date	Area (square footage)
Original Classroom Building	1953	8,478
Original Classroom Building/Gym Building	1953	13,005
Classroom Addition	1963	4,582
Cafeteria Building	1970	5,300
Media Center/Classroom Building	1989	32,210
Acreage	12	
Facility Capacity	440	
2023-2024 ADM	343	

ADM Trends



Source: Richmond County Schools

Monroe Avenue Elementary School

The current capacity at this school is **440**. The current Average Daily Membership (ADM) is **343**. Over the past five years the enrollment has been steady, with the exception of a spike in 2022, when enrollment reached **367**. Currently there are three mobile units in use that is being used for PreK classrooms. There are four classrooms that could be used for future use if needed.

The original classroom building was built in 1953 along with the gym. Additions were added in 1963, 1970, and in 1989 a 32,219 building was added. There are 41 security cameras on this campus.

The 1953 buildings need a facelift. Traffic patterns at this site is problematic by which significant backup occurs onto Greene Street during morning and afternoon drop offs and pick ups.

Needs identified at this school include:

- Overall facelift of 1953 buildings
- Playground repairs and replacement. $80,000 has been identified toward this issue and a detailed report is in this section.
- Enhancements to campus safety and security
- Traffic patterns need to be studied for possible improvements


MONROE AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
304 Monroe Ave, Hamlet, NC 28345
Washington St
1638
Green St
Monroe Avenue School
Villa aparyment
Pine St
Green St
Monroe St
NORTH
Hamlet Memorial Field
Google

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Playground Safety Inspection Report

Name: Monroe Avenue School

Location: 304 Monroe Ave; Hamlet, NC 28345

CPSI Inspector: Scott Terrill **CPSI #:** 52298-1124

Date: 03/14/24

Priority Rating Scale (1-4)

1. Permanent disability, loss of life or body part – correct immediately.
2. Serious injury resulting in temporary disability – correct as soon as possible.
3. Minor (non-disabling) Injury – correct when time permits.
4. Potential for injury minimal – check to see if worsens.

Play Areas

1. Equipment #1: Area 1– Playground– not in compliance
2. Equipment #2: Area 1– swings– not in compliance
3. Equipment #3: Area 1- dome climber: in compliance
4. Equipment #4: Area 2– dome climber– in compliance
5. Equipment #5: Area 2– swings– not in compliance
6. Equipment #6: Area 2– Climber unit– not in compliance

Safety Surfacing	**Compliant**	**Hazard**
• Transition from the path to surfacing is less than 0.5".		
• The surface material is adequate and proper depth.		
• Loose fill is at correct height at transfer platform.		
• Loose fill is at correct depth at slide exits & swings.		
• Surfacing material is free from debris.		
• No roots, rocks or objects are a tripping hazard.		
• Unitary surface retains adequate absorbing abilities.		
• Use zones assigned to each play unit are in compliance.		
• ADA access to area is provided.		
• _____		

Equipment		
• Warning/information sign and/or labels are in place.		
• There is no missing parts on equipment.		2
• All playground functions are in reliable working order.		
• No excessive wear, broken or missing parts.		2
• All opening meet entrapment/entanglement requirements.		1
• All hardware meets protrusion requirements.		

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Equipment, cont.

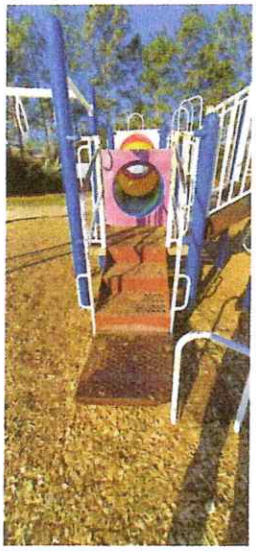
• All hardware is in place and secure.	OK	
• There are no exposed edges to cause injury.	OK	
• No footings are exposed, cracked or loose.	OK	
• Clamps and rivets are in place and secure.	OK	
• All barriers and guardrails are in place and secure.	OK	
• Decks are level, secure and coated with protective finish.	OK	2
• No rust, corrosion or peeling paint.	OK	
• Plastic is smooth, no cracks or cuts.	OK	
• Tree limbs are greater than 84" from equipment.	OK	
• Border around playground is adequate and secure.	OK	2
• Upright and pipe caps are in place and secure.	OK	
• _____		

Repairs / Comments: (insert photos)

Area 1; playground 1
PRIORITY 2

Overall- Decks are worn; protective coating wearing off with exposed metal with extensive deterioration





PRIORITY 2

Rusted decks are a safety hazard; replace

PRIORITY 1

Fails head/neck entrapment test with makeshift repair.



PRIORITY 2

Corroding swing hardware; replace all swings seat belts, chains and clevis hooks



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Area 2; playground 1



PRIORITY 2

Use zone must extend 6' around the unit; extend borders as required.



PRIORITY 2

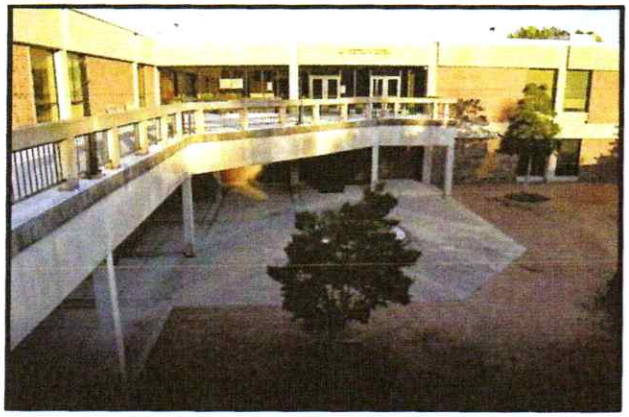
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OVERALL RECOMMENDATION

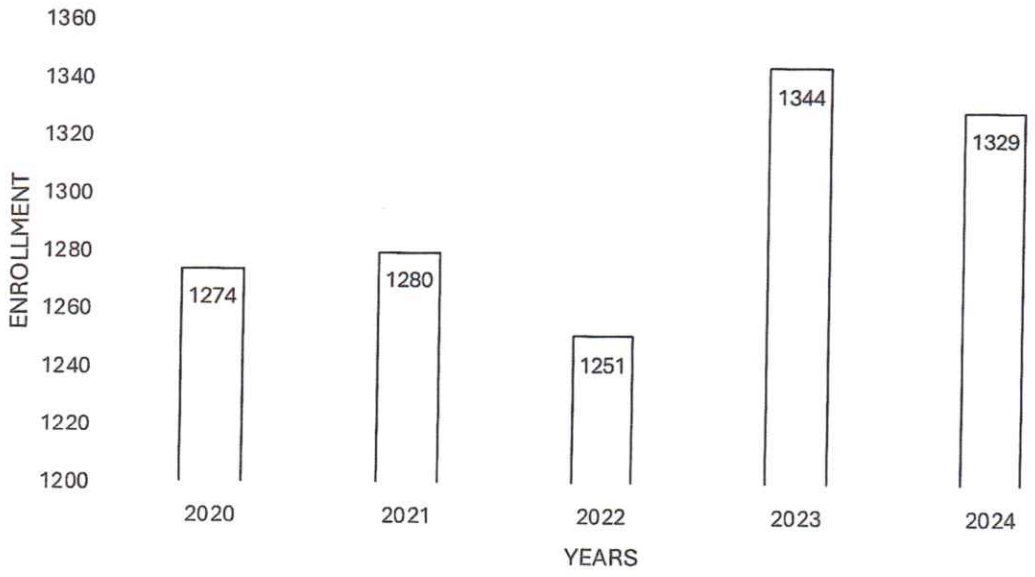
Remove/replace Area 1- playground 1; adjust timbers to comply with 6' use zone requirement; make all necessary repairs. Estimated cost: $80,000.00

Richmond County Senior High School



Building(s)	Construction Date	Area (square footage)
Old Main Building	1971	115,615
Classroom/Gym Building	1972	55,274
Trades E Building	1972	21,868
Shop Building	1975	5,300
Total Square Footage	198,037	
Acreage	93	
Facility Capacity	1,700	
2023-2024 ADM	1,329	

ADM Trends



Source: Richmond County Schools

Richmond County Senior High School

The current capacity at this school is **1,700**. The current Average Daily Membership (ADM) is **1,329**. Over the past five years enrollment has increased by **55** students. Currently there is a 27,934 Sq. Ft. addition under construction at this site. This new building includes an auxiliary gym, six classrooms, boy's/girl's group restrooms, locker rooms for boy's/girl's, coach's office, laundry room, concession stand and storage. This additional space will add to the capacity and should increase the overall number to **1,900.** This new facility should be available sometime in 2026. The 9th grade academy is currently scheduled to be moved to the main high school campus for the 2026-27 school year. This will add an additional 450-500 students to the campus.

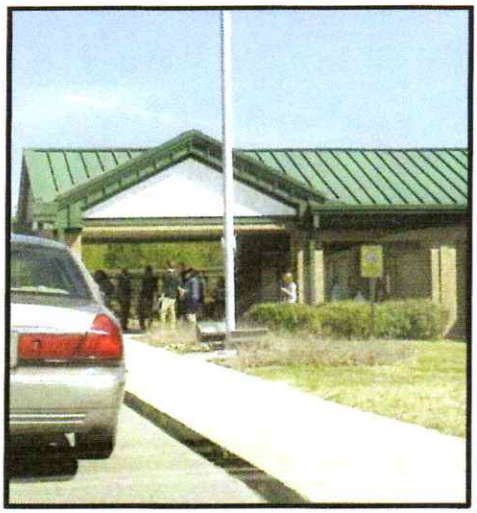
Other facility issues identified were renovation of the boy's/girl's locker rooms is needed in the current competition gym. Carpet replacement is needed for the band and chorus classrooms. Potentially, an additional art room is needed to accommodate programming needs once the 9th grade academy is relocated. Discussion has been held concerning the feasibility of a new stand alone JROTC facility. If this were to become a reality, three classrooms currently used by JROTC would come available. No cost estimate has been done for this proposal.

Additional needs identified at this school include:

- Artificial turf for football and baseball playing surfaces
- Additional Storage is needed

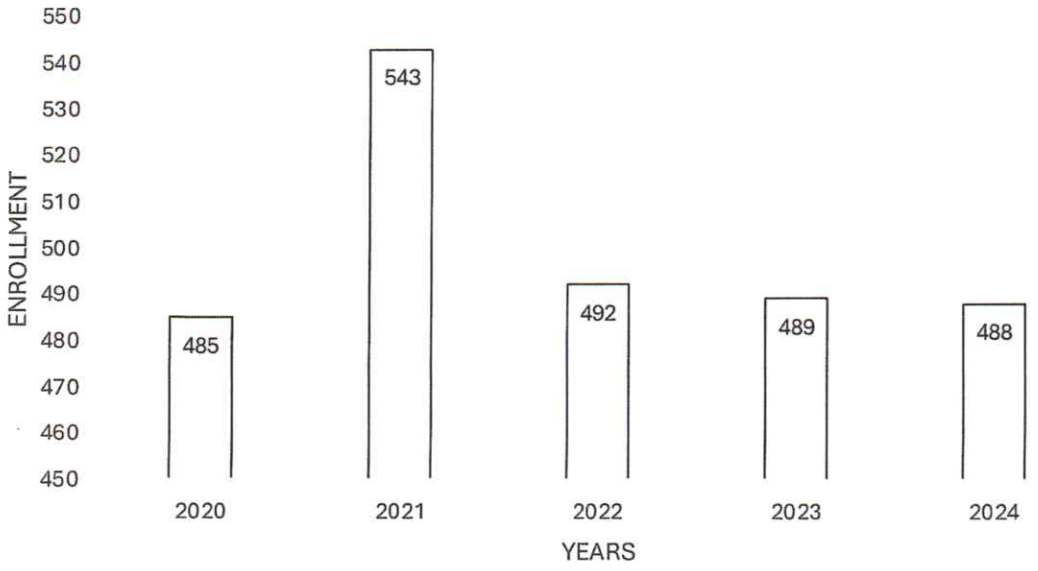

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Richmond 9th Grade Academy



Building(s)	Construction Date	Area (square footage)
Original Building	2000	80,914
Gym Building	2008	14,400
Total Square Footage	95,314	
Acreage	25	
Facility Capacity	600	
2023-2024 ADM	488	

ADM Trends

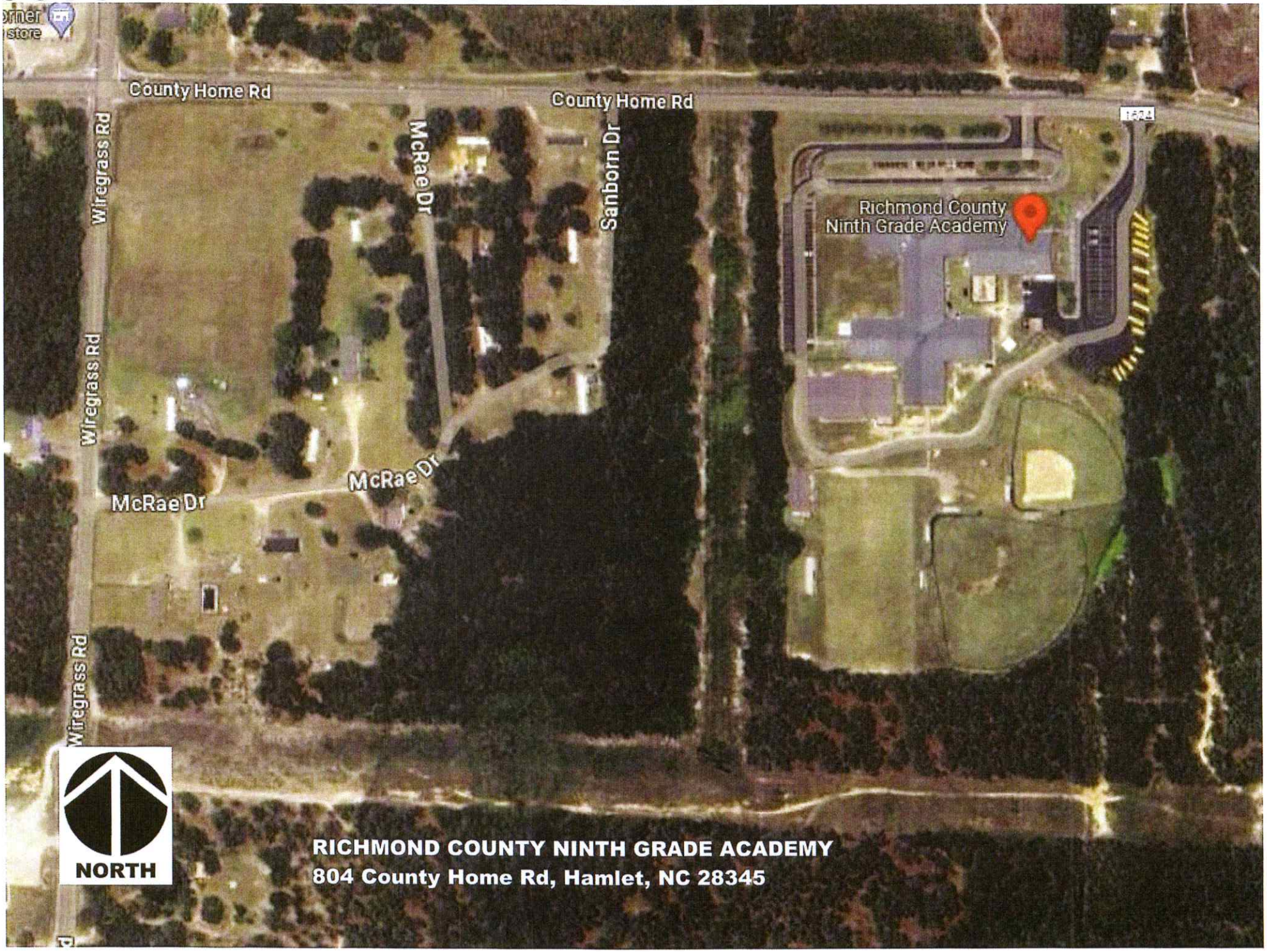


Source: Richmond County Schools

Repurposing 9th Grade Academy

The school district is currently planning to move students from the 9th Grade Academy to the campus at Richmond County High School beginning in the 2025-26 school year. Several options should be considered for repurposing this facility. The original building was built in 2000 and contains 80,914 sq. ft. A gym addition was constructed in 2008 and added 14,400 sq. ft. The school is located on a campus containing 25 acres. The facility capacity is in the 550-600 range depending on the grade levels assigned to the school. An in-depth study should be considered to evaluate several options. Among the options discussed includes:

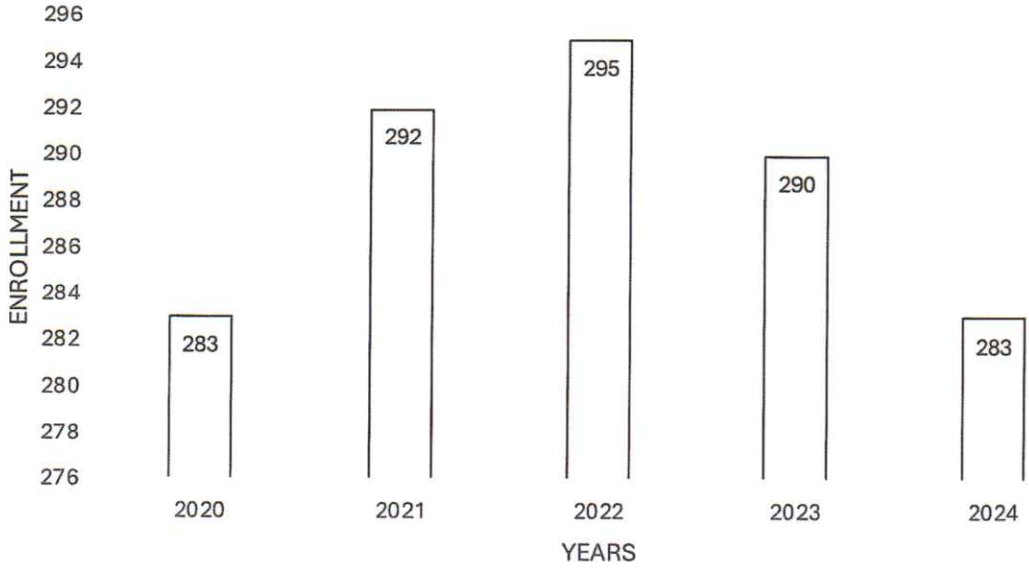
- Locating a PreK Center at the school serving the districts entire PreK students. Currently there are 167 PreK students enrolled at six sites, and this number is expected to grow as additional funds from the state are made available. MyFutureNC has a goal for North Carolina to serve 75% of the eligible PreK students by 2030. Currently in North Carolina 53% of eligible students are being served.
- Closing an older elementary school and relocating the school to this site. Schools close to this site would be a consideration. One question to evaluate would be does it make good stewards of the taxpayer's money to keep an aging 1950's era school operating with long-term facility maintenance and up keep issues, while you have a facility available that was built in the 1980's that could be used. Several factors would determine this as a possibility and should be extensively evaluated.


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804 County Home Rd, Hamlet, NC 28345

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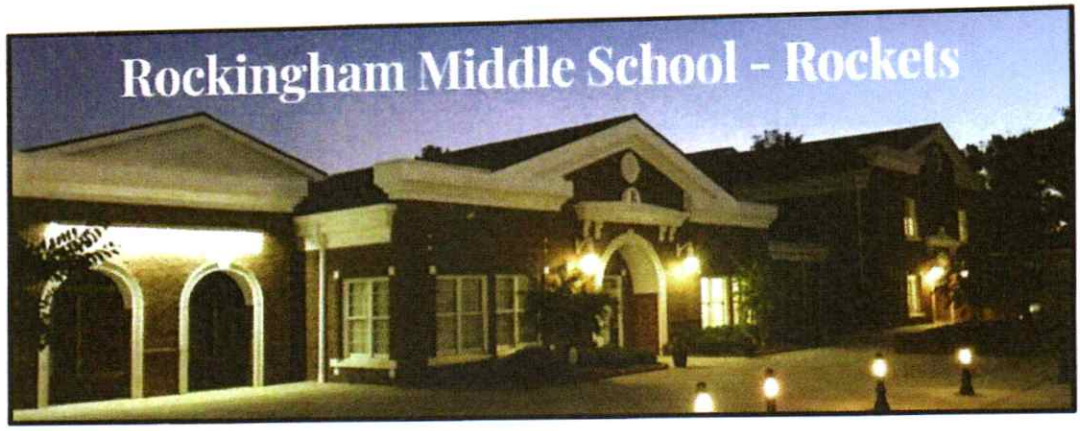
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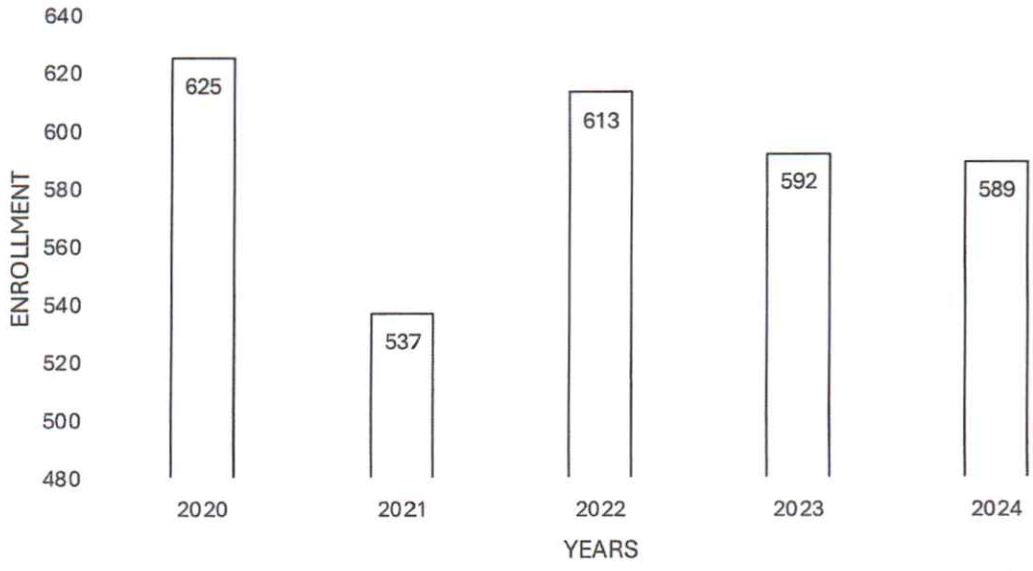

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Rockingham Middle School



Building(s)	Construction Date	Area (square footage)
Original Classroom Building	1940	18,014
Original Auditorium Building	1956	32,353
New Classroom/Admin. Building	2004	105,564
Total Square Footage	155,931	
Acreage	16	
Facility Capacity	760	
2023-2024 ADM	589	

ADM Trends



Source: Richmond County Schools

Rockingham Middle School

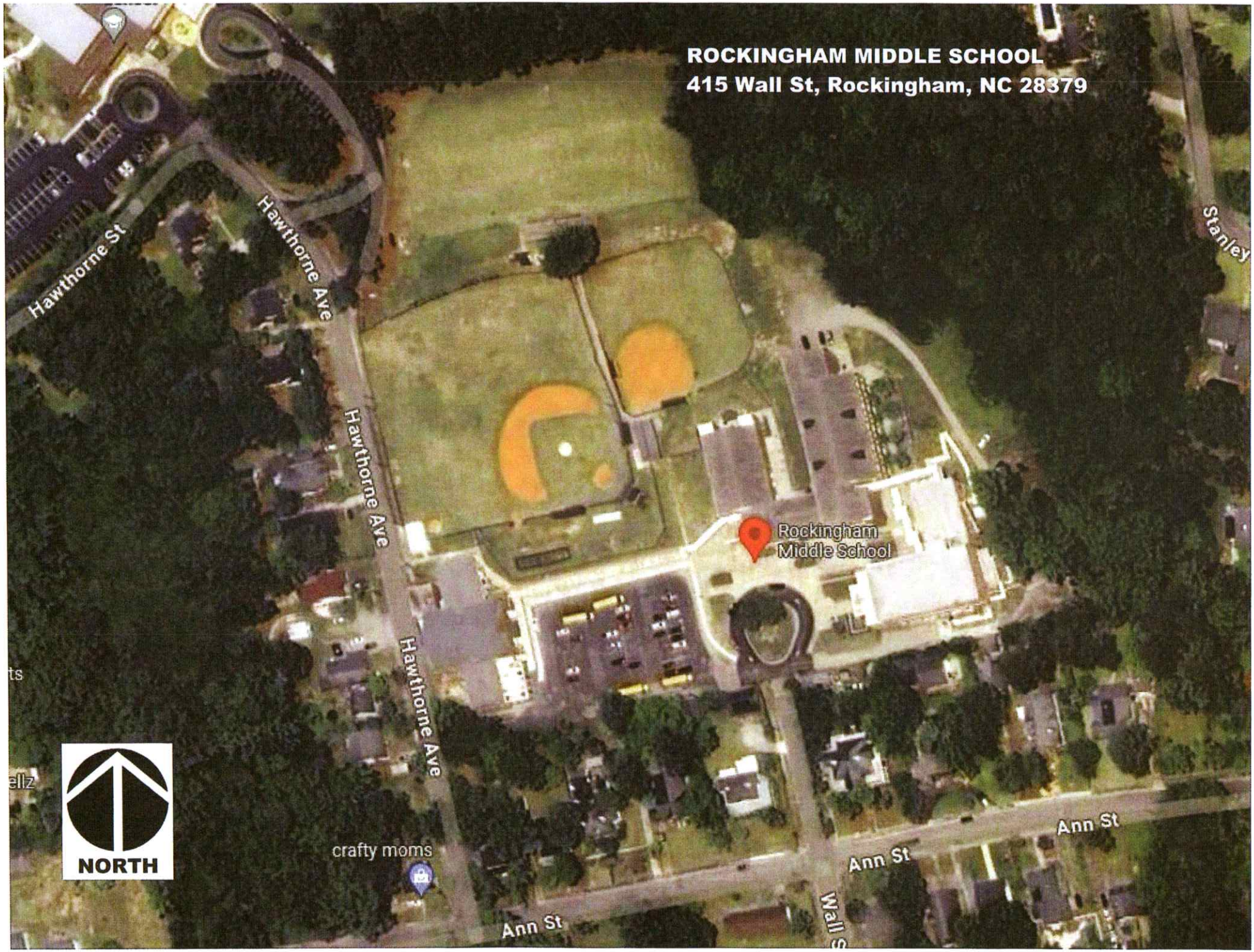
The current capacity at this school is **760.** The current Average Daily Membership (ADM) is **589**. Over the past five years the enrollment has decreased by 36 students. Five years ago, the enrollment was **625**. There are no mobile units in use at this campus. This site has 80 security cameras.

The original classroom building was built in 1940, making this one of the oldest buildings in the school district. Additions were added in 1956 and 2004. The 1940 and 1956 buildings need an overall facelift. The parking areas are inadequate for this school. Additional covered walkways are also needed. There has been a partial upgrade to LED lighting at this campus. This is the only middle school in the district that has an auditorium. There are five classrooms that could be used if additional classrooms are needed.

Sports and the physical education classes could benefit by having a track constructed on this campus. A multi-purpose concession/restroom/storage building is needed to serve outdoor middle school sports.

Needs identified at this school include:

- Enhancements as described above in sports facilities
- Completion of switch over to LED lighting
- Safety and Security challenges related to a multi-building campus

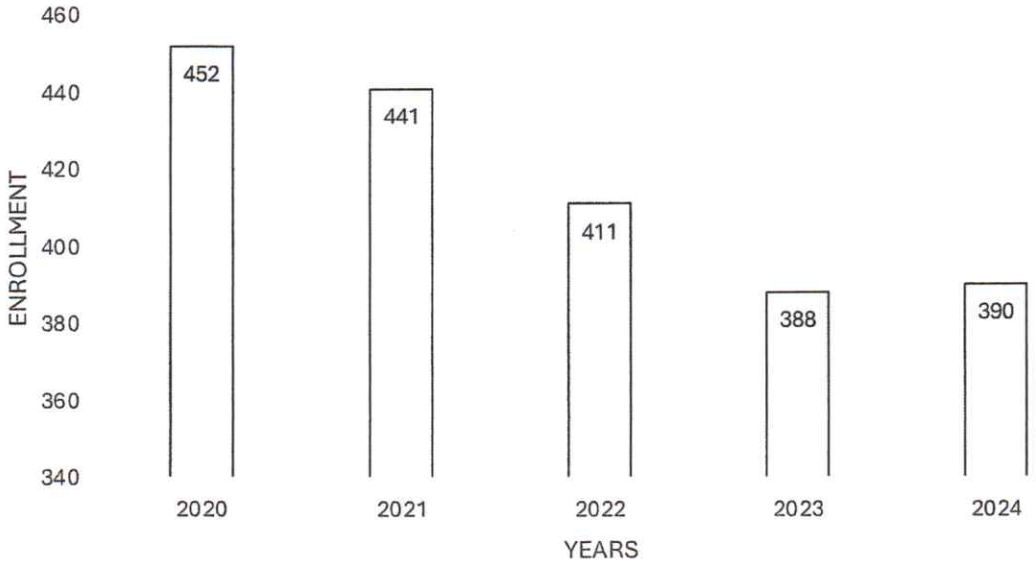

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Washington Street Elementary School

Building(s)	Construction Date	Area (square footage)
Original Building	1989	67,000
Total Square Footage	67,000	
Acreage	13	
Facility Capacity	540	
2023-2024 ADM	390	

ADM Trends



Source: Richmond County Schools

Washington Street Elementary School

The current capacity at this school is **540**. The current Average Daily Membership (ADM) is **390**. Over the past five years the enrollment has dropped significantly. In 2020 the enrollment was 452. This represents a decrease in enrollment of 62 students. There are four mobile units in use on campus. 5-6 available classrooms could be used if additional classrooms are needed. There are 49 security cameras on campus.

Washington Street Elementary School was built in 1989 and is a single building facility. Overall, it has been well maintained. There were no needs identified that needed immediate attention. Parking and covered walkways are adequate. A playground assessment was conducted and $3,500 was needed for repairs and replacements. A detailed report is contained in this section.


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WASHINGTON STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
566 E Washington Street Extension, Rockingham, NC 28379

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Playground Safety Inspection Report

Name: Washington Street School

Location: 566 E Washington St; Rockingham, NC 28379

CPSI Inspector: Scott Terrill **CPSI #:** 52298-1124

Date: 03/14/24

Priority Rating Scale (1-4)

1. Permanent disability, loss of life or body part – correct immediately.
2. Serious injury resulting in temporary disability – correct as soon as possible.
3. Minor (non-disabling) Injury – correct when time permits.
4. Potential for injury minimal – check to see if worsens.

Play Equipment Onsite

1. Equipment #1: Obstacle climber– Not in compliance
2. Equipment #2: Swings #1– Not in compliance
3. Equipment #3: Playground #1– In compliance
4. Equipment #4: Independent play units- In compliance
5. Equipment #5: Playground #2– Not in compliance
6. Equipment #6: Swings #2– In compliance

Safety Surfacing	**Compliant**	**Hazard**
• Transition from the path to surfacing is less than 0.5".	_____	_____
• The surface material is adequate and proper depth.	_____	_____
• Loose fill is at correct height at transfer platform.	_____	_____
• Loose fill is at correct depth at slide exits & swings.	_____	_____
• Surfacing material is free from debris.	_____	_____
• No roots, rocks or objects are a tripping hazard.	_____	_____
• Unitary surface retains adequate absorbing abilities.	_____	_____
• Use zones assigned to each play unit are in compliance.	_____	_____
• ADA access to area is provided.	_____	_____
• _____	_____	_____

Equipment		
• Warning/information sign and/or labels are in place.	_____	_____
• There is no missing parts on equipment.	_____	_____
• All playground functions are in reliable working order.	_____	_____
• No excessive wear, broken or missing parts.	_____	_____
• All opening meet entrapment/entanglement requirements.	_____	_____
• All hardware meets protrusion requirements.	_____	_____

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Equipment, cont.	**Compliant**	**Hazard**
• All hardware is in place and secure.	_____	_____
• There are no exposed edges to cause injury.	_____	_____
• No footings are exposed, cracked or loose.	_____	_____
• Clamps and rivets are in place and secure.	_____	_____
• All barriers and guardrails are in place and secure.	_____	_____
• Decks are level, secure and coated with protective finish.	_____	_____
• No rust, corrosion or peeling paint.	_____	_____
• Plastic is smooth, no cracks or cuts.	_____	_____
• Tree limbs are greater than 84" from equipment.	_____	_____
• Border around playground is adequate and secure.	_____	_____
• Upright and pipe caps are in place and secure.	_____	_____
• _____	_____	_____

Repairs / Comments: (insert photos)

Area 1; obstacle climber

PRIORITY 4

Overhead bars exceeds 84" (from bar to safety surfacing); Increase amount of safety surfacing to minimum levels (84")





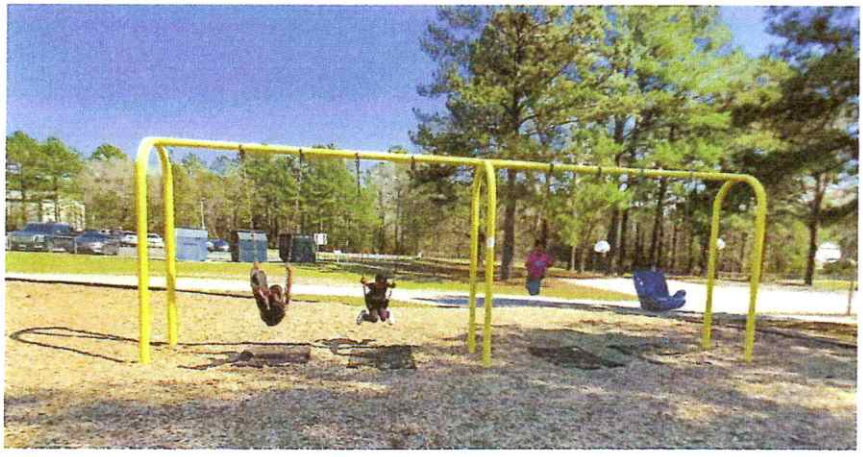
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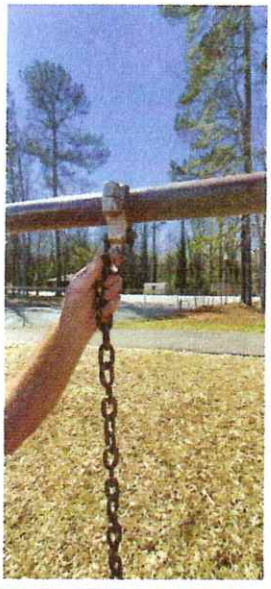
Area 1; swing 1&2

PRIORITY 2

Corroding swing hardware; replace all swings seat belts, chains and clevis hooks







Area 2; playground 1

PRIORITY 2

Missing ADA support



PRIORITY 2

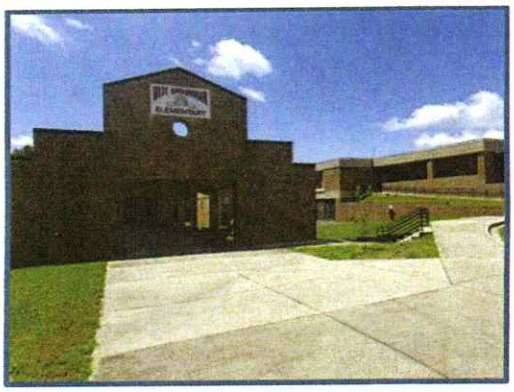
Missing hardware



OVERALL RECOMMENDATIONS

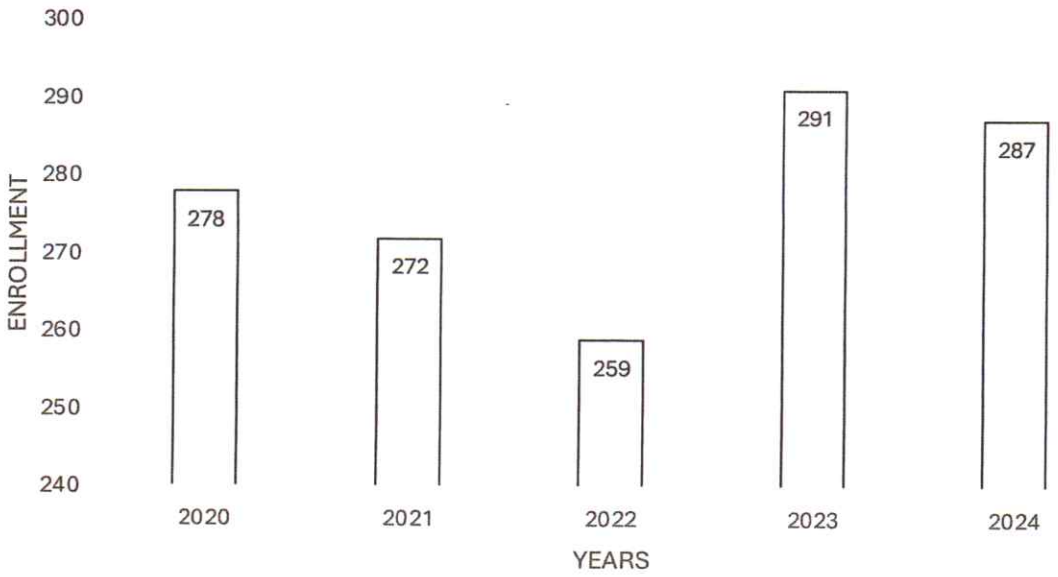
Make all necessary repairs: Estimated cost: $3500.00

West Rockingham Elementary



Building(s)	Construction Date	Area (square footage)
Original Building	1970	25,472
Classroom Building	1998	10,600
Gym Building	1999	11,300
Classroom Addition	2007	8,220
Total Square Footage	55,592	
Acreage	14	
Facility Capacity	390	
2023-2024 ADM	287	

ADM Trends



Source: Richmond County Schools

West Rockingham Elementary School

The current capacity at this school is **390**. The Average daily Membership (ADM) is **287**. Over the past five years the enrollment has been fairly steady, with the exception of 2022 when enrollment dropped to **259**. There is one mobile unit being used on campus. There are 29 security cameras located on campus.

The original classroom building was built in 1970. Additions were added in 1998 and 2007. The 1970 building is in needed of a facelift. The remaining buildings have been well maintained and are in good condition. Like may campuses in the district, morning and afternoon drop-off and pick up times create traffic bottle necks and traffic often backs up onto Business US 74. This campus could benefit by having additional exterior lighting installed.

Needs identified at this school include:

- Improvement to ingress/egress to prevent backup onto HWY US 74
- Additional exterior lighting for safety and security
- Too many specialists sharing space
- Playground repairs totaling $5,000. A detailed report is in this section


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West Rockingham Elementary
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WEST ROCKINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
271 W US 74 Hwy, Rockingham, NC 28379

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Playground Safety Inspection Report

Name: West Rockingham Elementary

Location: 271 W US 74 Hwy; Rockingham, NC 28379

CPSI Inspector: Scott Terrill **CPSI #:** 52298-1124

Date: 03/14/24

Priority Rating Scale (1-4)

1. Permanent disability, loss of life or body part – correct immediately.
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4. Potential for injury minimal – check to see if worsens.

Site Plan

1. Equipment #1: Area 1– Playground- Not in compliance
2. Equipment #2: Area 1- Obstacle climber: In compliance
3. Equipment #3: Area 2– Dome climber– in compliance
4. Equipment #4 & #5: Area 2- Swings (2)

Safety Surfacing	**Compliant**	**Hazard**
• Transition from the path to surfacing is less than 0.5".		
• The surface material is adequate and proper depth.		
• Loose fill is at correct height at transfer platform.		
• Loose fill is at correct depth at slide exits & swings.		
• Surfacing material is free from debris.		
• No roots, rocks or objects are a tripping hazard.		
• Unitary surface retains adequate absorbing abilities.		
• Use zones assigned to each play unit are in compliance.		
• ADA access to area is provided.		
• _____		

Equipment		
• Warning/information sign and/or labels are in place.		
• There is no missing parts on equipment.		2
• All playground functions are in reliable working order.		
• No excessive wear, broken or missing parts.		2
• All opening meet entrapment/entanglement requirements.		
• All hardware meets protrusion requirements.		

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Equipment, cont.	Compliant	Hazard
• All hardware is in place and secure.	_____	_____
• There are no exposed edges to cause injury.	_____	_____
• No footings are exposed, cracked or loose.	_____	_____
• Clamps and rivets are in place and secure.	_____	_____
• All barriers and guardrails are in place and secure.	_____	_____
• Decks are level, secure and coated with protective finish.	_____	_____
• No rust, corrosion or peeling paint.	_____	_____
• Plastic is smooth, no cracks or cuts.	_____	_____
• Tree limbs are greater than 84" from equipment.	_____	_____
• Border around playground is adequate and secure.	_____	_____
• Upright and pipe caps are in place and secure.	_____	_____
• _____	_____	_____

Repairs / Comments: (insert photos)

Area 1



Area 1; playground

PRIORITY 2

Missing climber hand grips; replace



Area 2; Swing 1

PRIORITY 2

Corroding swing hardware; re-place all swings seat belts,



Area 2; Swing 2

PRIORITY 2

Corroding swing hardware; re-place all swings seat belts, chains and clevis hooks



OVERALL RECOMMENDATIONS

Make all necessary repairs: Estimated cost: $5000.00