

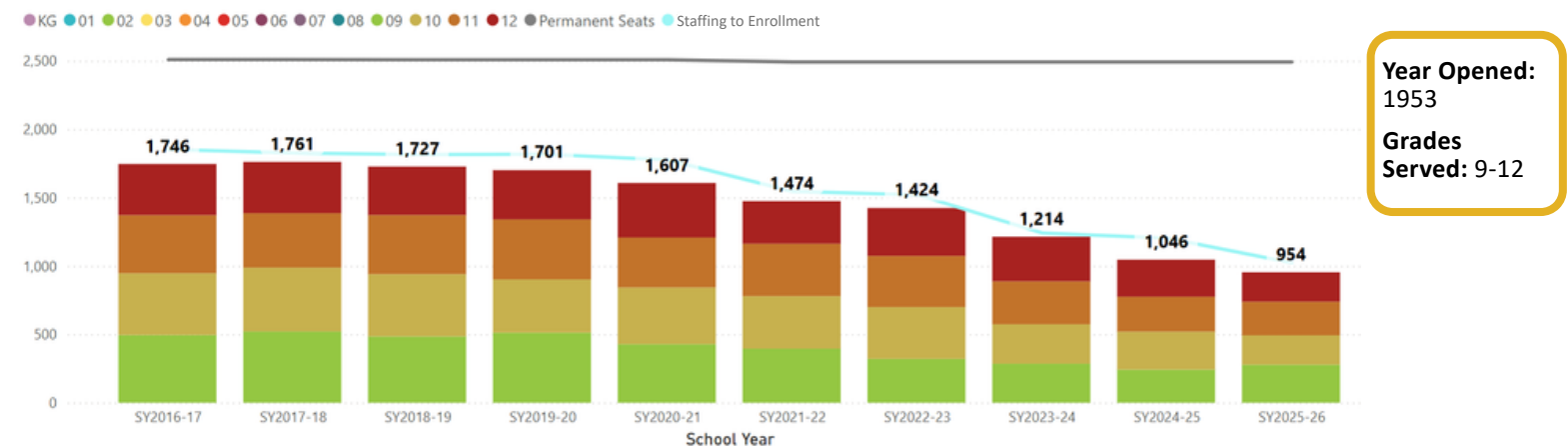
RECOMMENDATION: CREATE A TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL AT BOCA CIEGA HIGH SCHOOL

This recommendation establishes a **technical high school at Boca Ciega High School (BCHS) beginning in the 2028-29 school year**. The district is committed to partnering with local employers, colleges, and community leaders to provide meaningful real-world experiences that prepare students for college, careers, and life. No changes are recommended to the current Center for Wellness and Medical Professions District Application Program (DAP). If approved by the Board, the district will initiate a year-long planning and community engagement process to design academic programs that align with the interests and needs of students, families, and the community. Additionally, a portion of the campus will be re-parceled to establish a separate address for building 4, which will serve as the relocation site for Azalea Middle School and reduce the permanent capacity of the Boca Ciega High campus.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND HISTORY

Boca Ciega High currently has an enrollment of 967 students and a building capacity of 2,492 student stations, resulting in 39% utilization. Expanding the academic programs will provide students with opportunities for specialized training and hands-on learning across a variety of programs and degree fields, while making better use of the campus and increasing enrollment.

TABLE 1: BOCA CIEGA HIGH SCHOOL CAPACITY & ENROLLMENT



Year Opened:
1953
Grades
Served: 9-12

Official 2025-26 Count Snapshot Data (Survey 2), FISH and Program Capacity
Tables demonstrate student enrollment in bar charts, total permanent building capacity (student stations) in the grey line graph, and staffing for the student population and programs in the teal line.

As part of this recommendation, the capacity will be reduced for the technical high school at Boca Ciega by approximately 1,500 student stations. This reduction reflects the planned re-parceling of the property to establish a separate address for building 4, which will serve as the relocation site for Azalea Middle. To learn more about the Azalea Middle renaming and relocation recommendation, review the dedicated pages for Azalea Middle.

TABLE 2: BOCA CIEGA CAMPUS PROJECTED ENROLLMENT AND CAPACITY

BOCA CIEGA HS CAMPUS	
2026-27 ENROLLMENT*	967
PERMANENT CAPACITY	2,492
UTILIZATION	39%
PROJECTED ENROLLMENT	807
PROJECTED CAPACITY	1,066
PROJECTED UTILIZATION	76%

*2026-27 Enrollment as of the 10-day count (August 24, 2026).

FISCAL AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

RECENT FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

PROJECT	YEAR	INVESTMENT COST
Parking lot paving	2020	\$110K
Carpet	2021	\$121K
Elevator	2025	\$119K

ESTIMATED FACILITIES INVESTMENT

The current Boca Ciega High campus has sufficient classroom capacity to support technical high school programs. While some classroom modifications may be needed to create specialized laboratory and hands-on learning spaces, these improvements can be phased in over time and may present opportunities for partnerships and sponsorships with industry and community organizations.

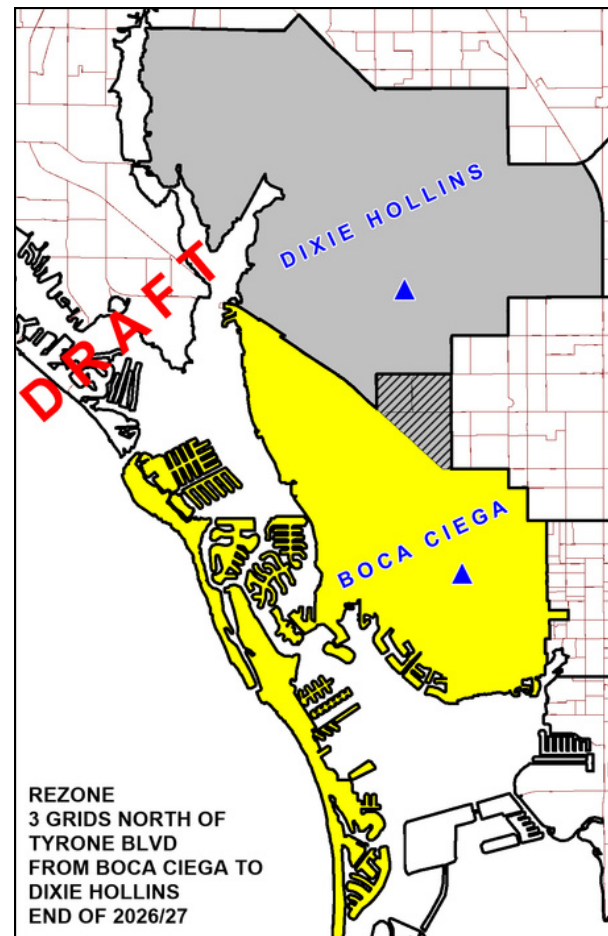
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND PROGRAM OFFERINGS

The technical high school at Boca Ciega High will be a college- and career-focused public high school that combines rigorous academics with hands-on, real-world learning experiences. Building on and expanding the renowned Center for Wellness and Medical Professions, the school will provide students with access to specialized Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways aligned with high-demand industries. Similar to Richard O. Jacobson Technical High School, all students will participate in specialized programs that provide in-demand skills, opportunities to earn industry certifications, and experiences that prepare them for college and careers.

Starting in Spring 2027 and continuing throughout the 2027-28 school year, the school and community will engage in a transition process to identify pathways for the technical high school. The fundamental program will begin to phase out over the next three school years. Starting in 2027-28, the fundamental program will no longer accept new applicants to the fundamental program at Boca Ciega High.

Students currently zoned for Boca Ciega High will remain zoned for the technical high school and will be offered a traditional high school experience, including athletics and extracurricular activities, enhanced with embedded CTE pathways. Every student will graduate prepared for multiple postsecondary options, including colleges and universities, technical schools, military, apprenticeships, and direct entry into the workforce, and will also earn industry-recognized credentials. If a student is zoned for Boca Ciega High and does not wish to attend the technical high school, a transportation zone will be established, and transportation will be provided to a designated traditional high school starting in the 2028-29 school year.

The technical high school will be available to students throughout the south county application area through the District Application Program (DAP) process, providing more students with access to specialized college and career pathways starting in the 2028-29 school year.



POLICY IMPLICATIONS (FIRST READING ON 10/13/26; SECOND READING ON 11/10/26)

POLICY 5120: ASSIGNMENT WITHIN THE DISTRICT

The fundamental program at Boca Ciega High will phase out as the school transitions to a technical high school; therefore, the fundamental program will not be a choice option beginning in the 2027-28 school year. Development of the District Application Program (DAP) choices aligned with the technical high school pathways will occur in the 2027-28 school year and will be reflected in policy amendments for the 2028-29 school year.

POLICY 2250: FUNDAMENTAL AND MAGNET SCHOOLS

This recommendation will rezone 3 grids and 118 students who live within the grids.

NEXT STEPS

RECOMMENDATION COMMUNICATION & ENGAGEMENT

- **Notification:**
 - Thursday, September 10, 2026.
 - Email communication regarding the recommendation has been sent to families, staff members, and school-based community partners.
- **Staff Meetings Recommendation Overview:**
 - Staff should refer to their PCS email for date/time.
- **Family and Community Meetings Recommendation Overview:**
 - Tuesday, September 15, 2026; 6 p.m.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Meet with faculty and staff members who may have specific questions regarding the recommendation and how it may impact them individually.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- If the recommendation is approved by the School Board, the district will begin a year-long community engagement and planning process to develop academic programs that reflect student and community interests. The process will include opportunities for students, families, staff, community members, and local partners to provide input as the district designs its specialized programs and a collective culture of excellence.

OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES

- If the recommendation is approved by the School Board, begin the process to evaluate the need for physical updates to the current school campus (e.g., lab space).