

Utilization of Elementary Space in School Buildings

Executive Summary

This report provides a snapshot of how space is currently being used across our elementary schools. While much of each building is dedicated to traditional K-5 classrooms, our schools also use classroom space for special education, intervention, behavior support, multilingual services, LAP and Title, DLC programs, OT/PT, speech services, music, and other student supports.

Due to the changing needs of students, the space needed in elementary schools has evolved. A room that is not assigned to a traditional grade-level classroom should not necessarily be viewed as available space. Today, many of these rooms are actively serving students through special education, intervention, behavior support, related services, and other specialized programs. As student needs have changed, so has the way our schools use their available space.

The finalized building data identifies 295 classroom spaces across the district's 10 elementary schools. Of those spaces, only four are identified as vacant or available: one portable at Evergreen and three spaces at Midway. While this represents approximately 1.4% of the reported classroom inventory, it does not accurately reflect the district's overall capacity to accommodate additional elementary students.

Although most classrooms are currently assigned or in use, significant student enrollment capacity remains within existing classrooms across the elementary system. This distinction is important when evaluating building utilization, enrollment trends, and future facility needs.

There are also meaningful differences between schools. Some buildings rely more heavily on portables, some house programs that require several classrooms, and others share rooms among multiple services. For future planning, it will be important to look beyond the total number of classrooms in a building and consider how those rooms are currently being used and how much flexibility actually exists within each school.

Building Summaries

Brentwood Elementary

Brentwood reports 26 classroom spaces. Grade-level use includes two kindergarten classrooms, three classrooms at each grade from first through fourth, one 4/5 combination classroom, and three fifth-grade classrooms. Additional space supports special education, behavior, music, intervention/WIN/resource services, and combination-grade support.

Colbert Elementary

Colbert reports 27 classroom spaces, with four portables reported. Grade-level use includes two kindergarten classrooms, two first-grade classrooms, three second-grade classrooms, two third-grade classrooms, one 3/4 combination classroom, two fourth-grade classrooms, and three fifth-grade classrooms. Additional space supports ELL/ML, sensory services, three DLC classrooms, LAP, music, intervention/WIN/resource services, and combination-grade support.

Creekside Elementary

Creekside reports 30 classroom spaces and has a significant preschool presence, with 11 preschool classrooms reported. K-5 use includes two kindergarten classrooms, two first-grade classrooms, two second-grade classrooms, one third-grade classroom, one 3/4 combination classroom, one fourth-grade classroom, and one fifth-grade classroom. Additional space supports OT/PT, behavior, special education, LAP, Title, speech/SLP, and other student support.

Evergreen Elementary

Evergreen reports 31 classroom spaces, including 27 building classrooms and four portables. Grade-level use includes four kindergarten classrooms, three first-grade classrooms, three second-grade classrooms, 2.5 third-grade classrooms, one 3/4 combination classroom, 3.5 fourth-grade classrooms, and three fifth-grade classrooms. Additional space supports OT/PT, behavior, sensory services, three DLC classrooms, special education, LAP, Title, intervention/WIN/resource services, and speech/SLP. One space is identified as vacant or available.

Farwell Elementary

Farwell reports 30 classroom spaces, with six portables reported. Grade-level use includes three kindergarten classrooms, three first-grade classrooms, two second-grade classrooms, one 2/3 combination classroom, three third-grade classrooms, one 3/4 combination classroom, three fourth-grade classrooms, and three fifth-grade classrooms. Additional space supports special education, ELL/ML, music, intervention/WIN/resource services, speech/SLP, combination-grade support, other student support, and storage/overflow.

Meadow Ridge Elementary

Meadow Ridge reports 26 classroom spaces, with one portable reported. Grade-level use includes two kindergarten classrooms, three first-grade classrooms, three second-grade classrooms, two third-grade classrooms, one 3/4 combination classroom, two fourth-grade classrooms, and three fifth-grade classrooms. Additional space supports OT/PT, behavior, ELL/ML, special education, LAP, music, intervention/WIN/resource services, combination-grade support, and storage/overflow.

Midway Elementary

Midway reports 37 classroom spaces, including eight portables. Grade-level use includes two kindergarten classrooms, three first-grade classrooms, four second-grade classrooms, three third-grade classrooms, three fourth-grade classrooms, and two fifth-grade classrooms. Additional space supports OT/PT, behavior, ELL/ML, LAP, music, intervention/WIN/resource services, other student support, and specialized instruction/programs. Three spaces are identified as vacant or available.

Prairie View Elementary

Prairie View reports 29 classroom spaces, with six portables reported. Grade-level use includes three kindergarten classrooms, three first-grade classrooms, three second-grade classrooms, two third-grade classrooms, three fourth-grade classrooms, and three fifth-grade classrooms. Additional space supports OT/PT, three DLC classrooms, LAP, and intervention/WIN/resource services.

Shiloh Hills Elementary

Shiloh Hills reports 30 classroom spaces. Its grade-level use is distinctive because it includes three transitional kindergarten classrooms and five kindergarten classrooms, along with three first-grade classrooms, four second-grade classrooms, three third-grade classrooms, three fourth-grade classrooms, and three fifth-grade classrooms. Additional space supports OT/PT, behavior, sensory services, intervention/WIN/resource services, speech/SLP, and other student support.

Skyline Elementary

Skyline reports 29 classroom spaces. Grade-level use includes three kindergarten classrooms, three first-grade classrooms, three second-grade classrooms, two third-grade classrooms, one 3/4 combination classroom, two fourth-grade classrooms, and three fifth-grade classrooms. Additional space supports OT/PT, ELL/ML, special education, LAP, music, combination-grade support, specialized instruction/programs, and storage/overflow.

Appendix A: Elementary Classroom Space Utilization Matrix

Finalized classroom-use data. Blank cells indicate no separate count was entered for that category.

Grade / Program / Use	Brentwood	Colbert	Creekside	Evergreen	Farwell	Meadow Ridge	Midway	Prairie View	Shiloh Hills	Skyline
P			11							
TK									3	
K	2	2	2	4	3	2	2	3	5	3
1	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
2	3	3	2	3	2	3	4	3	4	3
2/3 Combo					1					
3	3	2	1	2.5	3	2	3	2	3	2
3/4 Combo		1	1	1	1	1				1
4	3	2	1	3.5	3	2	3	3	3	2
4/5 Combo	1									
5	3	3	1	3	3	3	2	3	3	3
OT/PT			1	1		1	1	1	1	1
Behavior	2		0.5	1		1	1		1	
ELL/ML		1			1	1	1			1
Sensory		1		1					1	
DLC		3		3				3		
Special Education	1		3	2	3	2				2
LAP		1	1	1		1	1	2		3
Title			1	1						
Music	1	1			1	1	1			1
Intervention / WIN / Resource	2	2		2	1	2	3	2	3	
Speech / SLP			1	1	1				1	
Combination / Grade Support	1	1			1	1				1
Other Student Support			1		1		1		1	
Specialized Instruction / Programs							1			1
Storage / Overflow					1	1				1
Vacant / Available				1			3			
Reported Classroom Spaces	26	27	30	31	30	26	37	29	30	29
Portables Reported	4	4		4	6	1	8	6		