

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES ELEMENT

Goals, Objectives, and Policies

Goal 1 Develop, operate, and maintain a system of public education by Miami-Dade County Public Schools, in cooperation with the County and other appropriate governmental agencies, which will strive to improve the quality and quantity of public educational facilities available to the citizenry of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Objective 1.1 Work with Miami-Dade County Public Schools towards the reduction of the overcrowding which currently exists in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, while striving to attain an optimum level of service pursuant to Objective 2. Provide additional solutions to overcrowding so that countywide enrollment in Miami-Dade County's public schools will meet state requirements for class size ~~by September 1, 2010~~.

Monitoring Measure 1

Policies relating to the maintenance and improvement of specific level of service for public educational facilities, as specified in the Educational Facilities Impact Fee Ordinance, shall be reviewed annually. Each year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools will compare the official enrollment of the school system with the number of student stations available to determine the current operating LOS.

Policy 1.1.1 Cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools in their efforts to continue to provide new student stations through the Capital Outlay program, in so far as funding is available.

Policy 1.1.2 Miami-Dade County shall collect impact fees from new development, with proof given to the Village prior to issuance of building permits, for transfer to Miami-Dade County Public Schools to offset the impacts of these additional students on the capital facilities of the school system.

Policy 1.1.3 Cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools in their efforts to develop ~~and implement alternative compact~~ educational facilities, such as ~~primary learning centers~~ early childhood centers, which can be constructed on small parcels of land and relieve overcrowding at elementary schools, in so far as funding and rules permit.

Policy 1.1.4 Cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools in their efforts to provide public school facilities to the students of the Village, which operate at optimum capacity, in so far as funding available. Operational alternatives may be developed and implemented, where appropriate, which mitigate the impacts of overcrowding while maintaining the

instructional integrity of the educational program.

- Policy 1.1.5 Cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools in their efforts to maintain and/ or improve the established level of service (LOS), for Public Educational Facilities as established for the purposes of school concurrency.
- Policy 1.1.6 Miami-Dade County Public Schools comments shall be sought and considered on comprehensive growth management plan amendments and other land use and zoning decisions, or Development of Regional Impact which could impact the school district, in order to be consistent with the terms of the state mandated Interlocal Agreement pursuant to Sections 1013.33 and 163.31777, Florida Statutes.
- Policy 1.1.7 In accordance with Section 163.3174(1), Florida Statutes, the School Board of Miami-Dade County shall be invited to appoint a non-voting member to the Village's Local Planning Agency in order to receive comment on applications which could impact the school district.
- Policy 1.1.8 Capital improvement programming by Miami-Dade County Public Schools should be based on future enrollment projections and demographic shifts and targeted to enhance the effectiveness of the learning environment. The future enrollment projections should utilize student population projections based on information produced by the demographic, revenue, and education estimating conferences pursuant to Section 216.136, Florida Statutes, where available, as modified by the School Board based on development data and agreement with the local governments, the State Office of Educational Facilities and the State SMART Schools Clearinghouse. The School Board may request adjustment to the estimating conferences' projections to reflect actual enrollment and development trends. In formulating such a request, the School Board will coordinate with the Cities and County regarding development trends and future population projections.
- Policy 1.1.9 It is the policy of the Village that Miami-Dade County Public Schools should give priority to the Urban Infill Area (UIA) identified in the Growth Management Plan when allocating resources toward the attainment of the level of service objective for public educational facilities (Objective 1), followed by more recently developed and newly developing areas outside the UIA and within the Urban Development Boundary (UDB).
- Policy 1.1.10 The Village will, through the Staff Working Group of the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facilities, coordinate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Miami-Dade County, and other applicable cities to review annually the Educational Facilities Element and School

enrollment projections.

Objective 1.2

The Village shall coordinate new residential development with the future availability of public school facilities¹ consistent with the adopted level of service standards for public school concurrency, to ensure the inclusion of those projects necessary to address existing deficiencies in the 5-year schedule of capital improvements, and meet future needs based upon achieving and maintaining the adopted level of service standards throughout the planning period.

Monitoring Measure 2

An annual review of the latest adopted Miami-Dade County Public Schools Facility Work Program will be conducted pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement in order to determine if the adopted concurrency level of service standard (including the Interim LOS standards) is being achieved. The number of development orders approved, those disapproved and those that have achieved LOS standards through mitigation options will also be reviewed. The Village may also request the Work Program in order to monitor progress.

Policy 1.2.1

~~Beginning January 1, 2008, t~~The adopted level of service (LOS) standard for all Miami-Dade County public school facilities is 100% utilization of Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) Capacity (With Relocatable Classrooms). This LOS standard, except for Magnet Schools, shall be applicable in each public school concurrency service area (CSA), defined as the public school attendance boundary established by the Miami-Dade County Public Schools².

The adopted LOS standard for Magnet Schools is 100% utilization of FISH (with relocatable classrooms), which shall be calculated on a districtwide basis.

¹ Level of Service standards for public school facilities apply to those traditional educational facilities, owned and operated by Miami-Dade County Public Schools, that are required to serve the residential development within their established Concurrency Service Area. Level of Service standards do not apply to charter schools. However, the actual enrollment (October Full Time Equivalent (FTE)) of both charter and magnet schools as a percent of the total district enrollment will be credited against the impact of development.

² Relocatable classrooms may be used by the Miami-Dade County Public Schools as an operational solution to achieve the level of service standard during replacement, remodeling, renovation or expansion of a public school facility.

Policy 1.2.2

It is the goal of the Village, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Miami-Dade County and the other signatories to the Interlocal Agreement for all public school facilities to achieve 100% utilization of Permanent FISH (No Relocatable Classrooms) capacity ~~by January 1, 2018~~. To help achieve the desired 100% utilization of Permanent FISH by 2018, Miami-Dade County Public Schools should continue to decrease the number of relocatable classrooms over time. Public school facilities that achieve 100% utilization of Permanent FISH capacity should, to the extent possible, no longer utilize relocatable classrooms, except as an operational solution³. ~~Beginning January 1, 2013, the Miami-Dade County Public Schools will implement a schedule to eliminate all remaining relocatable classrooms by January 1, 2018. By December 2010, the Village in cooperation with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Miami-Dade County and the other signatories to the Interlocal Agreement will assess the viability of modifying the adopted LOS standard to 100% utilization of Permanent FISH for all CSAs.~~

Policy 1.2.3

In the event the adopted LOS standard of a CSA cannot be met as a result of a proposed development's impact, the development may proceed provided at least one of the following conditions is met:

- a) The development's impact can be shifted to one or more contiguous CSAs that have available capacity and is located, either in whole or in part, within the same Geographic Areas (Northwest, Northeast, Southeast, or Southwest (See Figures 1A through 1D) as the proposed development; or
- b) The development's impact is mitigated, proportionate to the demand for public schools it created, through a combination of one or more appropriate proportionate share mitigation options, as defined in Section 163.3180 ~~(13)(e)~~¹, Florida Statutes. The intent of these options is to provide for the mitigation of residential development impacts on public school facilities, guaranteed by a legal binding agreement, through mechanisms that include, one or more of the following: contribution of land; the construction, expansion, or payment for land acquisition or construction of a permanent public school facility; or, the creation of a mitigation bank based on the construction of a permanent public school facility in exchange for the right to sell capacity credits. The proportionate share mitigation agreement, is subject to approval by Miami-Dade County School Board and Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and must be identified in the Miami- Dade County Public Schools Facilities Work Program.

³ ~~Relocatable classrooms may be used by the Miami-Dade County Public Schools as an operational solution to achieve the level of service standard during replacement, renovation or expansion of a public school facility.~~

- c) The development's impacts are phased to occur when sufficient capacity will be available.

If none of the above conditions is met, the development shall not be approved.

Policy 1.2.4 Concurrency Service Areas (CSA) shall be delineated to: 1) maximize capacity utilization of the facility, 2) limit maximum travel times and reduce transportation costs, 3) acknowledge the effect of court-approved desegregation plans, 4) achieve socio- economic, racial, cultural and diversity objectives, and 5) achieve other relevant objectives as determined by the School Board's policy on maximization of capacity. Periodic adjustments to the boundary or area of a CSA may be made by the School Board to achieve the above stated factors. Other potential amendments or updates to the CSAs shall be considered annually at the Staff Working Group meeting to take place each year no later than April 30 or October 31, consistent with Section 9 of the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning.

Policy 1.2.5 The Miami-Dade —County through the implementation of the concurrency management system and Miami-Dade County Public School Facilities Work Program for educational facilities, shall ensure that existing deficiencies are addressed and the capacity of schools is sufficient to support residential development at the adopted level of service (LOS) standards throughout the planning period in the 5- year schedule of capital improvements.

Policy 1.2.6 The Miami-Dade County Public Schools Facilities Work Program ~~dated September 2009,~~ will be evaluated on an annual basis to ensure that the level of service standards will continue to be achieved and maintained throughout the planning period.

Policy 1.2.7 At a minimum, the Village in conjunction with Miami-Dade County Public Schools shall adopt the annual updates, adding a fifth year, to the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Facilities Work Program, update the financially feasible schools capital facilities work program, and coordinate capital facilities with the Work Program. Additionally, the Village shall coordinate its Comprehensive Plan with the Plans of other local governments.

Policy 1.2.8 The Village shall adopt as an annual update to the Comprehensive Plan updates to the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Facilities Work Program.

Objective 1.3 Obtain suitable sites for the development and expansion of public education facilities.

Monitoring Measure 3

Objective 1.3 will be monitored through the annual inventory and assessment by Miami-Dade County Public Schools of School Board owned property. The number of new sites shall be reported annually and in the full review period reported in the EAR.

- Policy 1.3.1 It is the policy of the Village that Miami-Dade County Public Schools shall not purchase sites for schools nor build new schools outside of the Urban Development Boundary (UDB), and that new elementary schools constructed should be located at least 1/4 mile inside the UDB; new middle schools should be located at least 1/2 mile inside the UDB, and; new senior high schools should be located at least one mile inside the UDB. In substantially developed areas of the County where suitable sites in full conformance with the foregoing are not available and a site or portion of a site for a new school must encroach closer to the UDB, the majority of the site should conform with the foregoing location criteria and the principal school buildings and entrances should be placed as far as functionally practical from the UDB. The same criteria of this paragraph that apply to public schools also pertain to private schools.
- Policy 1.3.2 In the selection of sites for future educational facility development, the Village encourages Miami-Dade County Public Schools to consider whether a school is in close proximity to residential areas and is in a location that would provide a logical focal point for community activities.
- Policy 1.3.3 Where possible, Miami-Dade County Public Schools should seek sites which are adjacent to existing or planned public recreation areas, community centers, libraries, or other compatible civic uses for the purpose of encouraging joint use facilities or the creation of logical focal points for community activity.
- Policy 1.3.4 The Village acknowledges and concurs that, when selecting a site, Miami-Dade County Public Schools will consider if the site meets the minimum size criteria as recommended by the State Department of Education or as determined to be necessary for an effective educational environment.
- Policy 1.3.5 When considering a site for possible use as an educational facility, Miami-Dade County Public Schools should review the adequacy and proximity of other public facilities and services necessary to the site such as roadway access, transportation, fire flow and portable water, sanitary sewers, drainage, solid waste, police and fire services, and means by which to assure safe access to schools, including sidewalks, bicycle paths, turn lanes, and signalization.

Policy 1.3.6 When considering a site for possible use as an educational facility Miami Dade County Public Schools should consider whether the present and projected surrounding land uses are compatible with the operation of an educational facility.

Policy 1.3.7 The Village shall encourage and cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools in their effort for public school siting reviews to help accomplish the objectives and policies of this element and other elements of the Comprehensive Plan. The Village shall cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools to establish provisions for a scoping or pre-application meeting as part of the educational facilities review process, if determined to be warranted.

Policy 1.3.8 Permitting of school facilities for Miami-Dade County Public Schools requires that a building permit application be made to the Miami-Dade County Public School Building Official prior to commencing any work, regardless of cost.

Policy 1.3.9 The Village will continue to cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools in utilizing Miami-Dade County Public Schools as emergency shelters during county emergencies.

Objective 1.4 Miami-Dade County Public Schools, in conjunction with the Village, Miami-Dade County and other appropriate agencies, will strive to improve security and safety for students and staff.

Monitoring Measure 4

Objective 1.4 will be monitored through the review and analysis of the statistics relating to school safety, as compiled annually, by the MDCPS Division of Police. A review and analysis of new and existing reactive and proactive safety and crime prevention programs will also be conducted on an annual basis.

Policy 1.4.1 Continue to cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools to develop and/ or implement programs and policies designed to reduce the incidence of violence, weapons and vandalism on school campuses. Encourage the design of facilities, which ~~do not encourage~~ disencourages criminal behavior and provides clear sight lines from the street.

Policy 1.4.2 Continue to cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools to develop and/or implement programs and policies designed to reduce the number of incidents related to hazardous conditions as reported by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the fire marshal, the State Department of Education (DOE), Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Miami-Dade County Division of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) of the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, and other appropriate sources.

Policy 1.4.3 Continue to cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools to provide for the availability of alternative programs for at-risk students at appropriate public educational facilities.

Policy 1.4.4 Coordinate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools and municipalities to provide for pedestrian, bicyclist and traffic safety in the area of schools areas, and signalization for educational facilities.

Policy 1.4.5 Coordinate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools Division of School Police and other law enforcement agencies, where appropriate, to improve and provide for a secure learning environment in the public schools and their vicinity.

Policy 1.4.6 Cooperate with Miami-Dade County Schools Division of School Police and other law enforcement agencies to provide additional support or security, when appropriate.

Objective 1.5 Continue to develop programs and opportunities to bring the schools and community closer together.

Monitoring Measure 5

Objective 1.5 shall be monitored by Miami-Dade County Public Schools by reporting and reviewing the progress and number of new and existing community oriented programs, including an enrollment analysis, by age and ethnicity, of adult, community and vocational programs.

Policy 1.5.1 Cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools in their efforts to provide “full service” schools, parent resource centers, adult and community schools and programs as appropriate.

Policy 1.5.2 Cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools in their efforts to continue to provide opportunities for community and business leaders to serve on committees and task forces, which relate to the development of improved provision of public educational facilities and programs.

Policy 1.5.3 Cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools to continue to work with the development industry to encourage partnerships in the provision of sites and educational facilities including early childhood

centers.

Policy 1.5.4 Cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools through agreement with appropriate agencies to increase medical, psychological, and social services for children and their families as appropriate.

Objective 1.6 Miami-Dade County Public Schools will continue to enhance effectiveness of the learning environment.

Monitoring Measure 6

Objective 1.6 shall be monitored by Miami-Dade County Public Schools by reporting the number of educational facility enhancements such as media centers, art/music suite, and science laboratories.

Policy 1.6.1 Miami-Dade County Public Schools is encouraged to continue the design and construction of educational facilities which create the perception of feeling welcome, secure and positive about the students' school environment and experiences.

Policy 1.6.2 Miami-Dade County Public Schools is encouraged to continue to design and construct facilities which better provide student access to technology designed to improve learning, such as updated media centers and science laboratories.

Policy 1.6.3 Miami-Dade County Public Schools is encouraged to continue to improve existing educational facilities, in so far as funding is available, through renovation and expansion to better accommodate increasing enrollment, new educational programs and other activities, both curricular and extra-curricular.

Objective 1.7 The Village of El Portal, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Miami-Dade County and the other signatories to the Interlocal Agreement shall establish and implement mechanisms for on-going coordination and communication, to ensure the adequate provision of public educational facilities.

Monitoring Measure 7

Objective 1.7 will be addressed by implementing and tracking the development of appropriate mechanisms, including interlocal agreements and coordination efforts, which serve to expedite the provision or enhancement of public educational facilities.

Policy 1.7.1 The Village shall coordinate and cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the State of Florida, Miami-Dade County and other municipalities and other appropriate agencies to develop or modify rules and regulations in order to simplify and expedite proposed new

educational facility developments and renovations.

- Policy 1.7.2 The location of future educational facilities should occur where capacity of other public facilities and services is available to accommodate the infrastructure needs of the educational facility.
- Policy 1.7.3 Miami-Dade County Public Schools should coordinate school capital improvement plans with the planned capital improvement projects of the Village and other County and municipal agencies.
- Policy 1.7.4 The Village shall cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools in their efforts to ensure that they are not obligated to pay for off-site infrastructure in excess of their fair share of the costs.
- Policy 1.7.5 The Village, the County, other municipalities and Miami-Dade Public Schools shall periodically review the Educational Facilities Impact Fee Ordinance to strive to ensure that the full eligible capital costs associated with the development of public school capacity (new schools and expansion of existing ones) are identified when updating the impact fee structure. Pursuant to the terms of the state mandated Interlocal Agreement, the Village, other municipalities, the County and School Board shall ~~annually~~ at least every three years perform a review the Ordinance, its formula, the Educational Facilities Impact Fee methodology and technical report, in order to make recommendations for revisions to the Board of County Commissioners and the Miami-Dade County School Board.
- Policy 1.7.6 The Village and Miami-Dade County Public Schools will annually review the Educational Element and make amendments, if necessary, through the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning.
- Policy 1.7.7 The Village shall seek to coordinate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools in formalizing criteria pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement for Public Facility Planning between Miami-Dade County and Miami-Dade County Application No. 10 Page 10 Public Schools, for appropriate sharing of responsibility for required off-site facility improvements attributable to construction of new public schools or expansion of existing ones. The criteria should be prepared prior to the next full review of the School Impact Fee Ordinance.
- Policy 1.7.8 The Village shall coordinate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the County and other local governments to eliminate infrastructure deficiencies surrounding existing school sites.
- Policy 1.7.9 The Village and Miami-Dade County Public Schools shall coordinate

efforts to ensure the availability of adequate sites for the required educational facilities.

Policy 1.7.10 The Village and Miami-Dade County Public Schools shall coordinate the appropriate roles and responsibilities of affected governmental jurisdictions in ensuring the timely, orderly and efficient provision of adequate educational facilities.

Policy 1.7.11 The Village, where appropriate, will account for the infrastructure needs of new, planned or expanded educational facilities when formulating and implementing its own capital improvement plans