

EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATION

03-Z ELEMENTARY

New Construction
Grades K – 5
Total Student Stations: 960
FISH Capacity: 960
Program Capacity: 960
Core Facilities: 960

**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA**



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INTRODUCTION

These Educational Specifications are intended for use as a planning guide by architects and others responsible for developing physical facilities in Palm Beach County. The general concept embodied in the specifications is to provide general and adequate details for proposed spaces while leaving ample flexibility for creativity and options in design by the architects.

Philosophy and goals of the School Board of Palm Beach County are provided as general directions for programs in the school district and are followed by a listing of general considerations. The facility list is intended to be a summary of the spaces to be provided, but is sufficiently flexible to accommodate design requirements and compatibility with adjacent space.

Specifications for the various program areas include a common listing of informational categories within each of the areas. Specific information relative to each particular area is included under various headings as follows:

- I. Program Philosophy
- II. Program Goals
- III. Program Activities
- IV. Organizational Nomenclature
- V. Innovations, Experimental Ideas, Other Planned Uses
- VI. Justification for Variance from SREF Requirements
- VII. Program Facilities List
- VIII. Program Furniture and Equipment
- IX. Special Considerations

The graphic representations of space relationships are intended only to establish adjacencies and not to set design. Spaces shall be arranged for the various program areas in a configuration compatible with traffic control, site needs and the following considerations:

- 1. Facilities shall be as functional as possible; that is, they shall be organized in a manner responsive to educational programming requirements in an orderly, economical way.
- 2. Facilities shall be as responsive as possible to long term maintenance goals. The architect shall endeavor to produce a product with the lowest possible life cycle cost.
- 3. Facilities shall be as vandal-resistant as is possible within realistic budget constraints.
- 4. Facilities shall be as aesthetically pleasing as possible, considering neighborhood, shape, materials, colors, etc.
- 5. Facilities shall be designed to provide adequate student movement (circulation) without unnecessary waste.
- 6. Facilities shall be designed to facilitate the inclusion of students with disabilities.

Special attention is directed to planning for community utilization of the plant and campus, maximum energy conservation and capital budget restraints.

7. **Aesthetic and Cultural Appreciation** - All students shall be provided an opportunity to do the following:
 - a. Develop an understanding and appreciation of human achievement in natural sciences, social sciences, humanities and the arts.
 - b. Broaden interests and prepare for productive use of leisure time.
 - c. Develop skills and creative abilities for self-expression.
8. **Inclusive Education** - All students shall be provided with the following:
 - a. Appropriate educational services in the least restrictive environment which will enable them to have full equality of opportunity.
 - b. Opportunities to interact academically and socially with students with various abilities and disabilities.
 - c. Opportunities to celebrate their differences and unique talents, and.
 - d. Access to facilities designed to accommodate their exceptionalities.

B. Management Goals

1. **General Management** - The school district shall refine, implement and utilize management practices which will provide the following:
 - a. Planning and evaluation programs which will ensure accurate and adequate information for decision-making.
 - b. Administrative procedures which ensure that program planning, budgeting and evaluation systems are integrated and cyclical in nature.
 - c. Information services that promote timely acquisition of accurate information regarding district policies, procedures and activities which fulfill the needs of the district and the public.
 - d. Administrative and instructional support for school-based management procedures and techniques.
 - e. System-wide support services for functions, processes and programs.
 - f. Continuing development, refinement, implementation and evaluation of instructional materials, processes and components of the curriculum.

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

I. PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

All exceptional students are entitled to receive appropriate educational services in the least restrictive environment which will enable them to have full equality of opportunity. Instructional program must fully meet the educational needs of students to the extent that they require special education to develop their maximum potential.

II. PROGRAM GOALS

Students with special learning differences will be provided educational programs designed to meet their individual needs. Diagnostic evaluation, prescriptive planning and implementation of individual student programs will be provided. Individual Educational Plans (IEP) are implemented in inclusive settings with appropriate support, as long as the IEP team determines that the student can or continue to achieve educational benefit.

III. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

A. General Activities

Individualized and group instruction will be provided in academic and enrichment curriculum areas.

B. Special Activities

1. Specific Learning Disabilities/Hearing/Visually Impaired

- a. Basic instruction in reading, mathematics and language arts.
- b. Behavior adjustment and small group interaction.
- c. Diagnostic evaluation; individualized programmed instruction; use of teaching machines, audio-visual equipment and study carrels.
- d. Gross-and fine-motor skills / instruction

2. Educable Mentally Handicapped

- a. Basic instruction in reading, language arts, mathematics, daily living skills, practical science, career education and use of leisure time.
- b. Personal and social adjustment skills development.

3. Emotionally Handicapped

- a. Behavior management techniques to effect behavioral changes in students.
- b. Structured program to arrange situations where students frequently experience success.
- c. Affective curriculum emphasizing positive self-concept.

Exceptional Student Education