

2 INVENTORY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES AND EXISTING CONDITIONS

Existing Conditions

For the 2009 - 2010 school year, the Pinellas County School District currently operates 81 elementary schools, 23 middle schools and 21 high schools. The names and locations of each school type are depicted on **Figures 1, 2 and 3**. At present, all of the elementary, middle and high school facilities participate in the student placement program called the Zoned School Student Assignment Plan. The Zoned School Plan generally assigns a student to a nearby neighborhood school in close proximity to where the student lives (which reduces demand for bus services).

It should be noted that the Zoned School Student Assignment Plan still allows for some degree of flexibility when it comes to school selection through a variety of options such as: Charter, Fundamental, Exceptional Student Educational Programs and Magnet schools, as well as some flexibility for middle and high school students previously enrolled in a Choice program.

Future Planning of Facilities

Pinellas County is facing a moderate decline in permanent population as well as in the number of public school students. Therefore, construction of new schools is currently not the School District's highest priority. The emphasis instead is on the continued maintenance or remediation of existing facilities, and the expansion of existing facilities identified as being near, or at capacity. The upgrading of these existing facilities will also be important as Pinellas County strives to maintain countywide state-of-the-art classrooms and learning facilities.

Public School Options

Charter Schools

Charter schools are public schools operating under a multi-year contractual agreement with the School Board (**see Table 3**). Charter schools offer innovative programs consistent with educational goals established by Florida Statutes, as part of the State's program of public education. The Pinellas County School District has granted charters for twelve charter schools as of August 2009. See **Figures 1, 2 and 3** for Charter School locations and which applicable grade levels are served by each.

TABLE 1**Charter Schools in Pinellas County**

SCHOOL NAME	LOCATION	GRADE LEVELS
Academie Da Vinci	1380 Pinehurst Rd., Dunedin	K-5
Athenian Academy	2817 St. Mark Dr., Dunedin	K-5
Pinellas Prepatory Academy	2300 Belcher Rd. Largo	4-8
Plato Academy	401 Old Coachman Rd. Clearwater	PreK-3
St. Petersburg Collegiate High	6605 Fifth Ave. N. St. Petersburg	10-12
Life Skills Center	4901 Central Ave. St. Petersburg	9-12
Alfred Adler	4401 38th Ave. N. St. Petersburg	K-2
Imagine Charter	1950 1st Ave. N. St. Petersburg	PreK-5
Life Skills North	2471 McMullen Boot Rd Suite 200 Clearwater	9-12
Mavericks in Education	1197 East Bay Dr Largo	9-12
Imagine Middle School	1950 1 st Ave. N. St. Petersburg	6-8
Life Force Arts & Technology	1390 Sunset Point Rd Clearwater	K-5

Source: Pinellas County School District, 2009

FIGURE 1
Public Elementary Schools in Pinellas County and the corresponding SPAs

FIGURE 2
Public Middle Schools in Pinellas County and the Corresponding SPAs

FIGURE 3
Public High Schools in Pinellas County

Fundamental Schools

A fundamental school is a family-oriented school whose structured environment, “back-to-basics” approach, and joint parent-teacher-student commitment provide quality education for students. Important features include a focus on student responsibility and discipline, daily homework, a dress code which exceeds that of the School District, and required attendance at conferences and monthly parent meetings. There are ten countywide elementary, middle and high fundamental schools as of 2009. The student capacity of these schools, is available countywide. See **Figures 1, 2 & 3** for fundamental school listings and locations.

Magnet Programs

The Pinellas County School District offers a wide range of magnet programs within existing public schools to students within the District, with very specialized curricula. While some of these programs are limited to those residing within the attendance area of the magnet school, there are some programs that are open to students countywide. These programs reserve a certain percentage of their capacity for students residing within the attendance area in which the school is located and allow students from other attendance areas to have access to the remaining capacity. See **Figures 1 & 2** for those schools with magnet programs which offer both area and countywide seats.

Exceptional Student Education

The Pinellas County School District operates five Exceptional Student Education (ESE) facilities within Pinellas County. Some of these facilities are located within existing public school facilities while others stand alone, and each provides education for elementary, middle and high school levels. The goal of the ESE program is to provide quality services that support effective learning opportunities for all exceptional children. While the ESE facilities are subject to attendance areas, exceptions can be made to accommodate those students who desire to remain with a program, should they relocate to another attendance area within the County. For the locations and listings of ESE facilities, see **Figure 4**.

Gifted Programs

The goal of the Gifted Program is to provide a positive learning environment in which all students have the opportunity to reach their highest potential as citizens who can meet the challenges of a changing global society. This program operates within the ESE program. Public school students are referred to the school program by teachers, and are then evaluated using the Kaufman Brief Intelligence Test. According to the State of Florida criteria for the gifted, students must score at least two standard deviations above the mean on the individually administered standardized test of intelligence. In addition, a student must demonstrate a majority of the characteristics of a gifted student according to a standard checklist and show a need for programming beyond the regular classroom. Students who qualify for the gifted program may take gifted classes at their own individual schools, at gifted centers, or at Ridgecrest Elementary which offers a full-time gifted program.

Secondary Educational Facilities

There are three public school facilities in Pinellas County that operate as secondary schools. These schools act as alternative schools for those students at risk of not making continuous progress in school. These facilities are not based on attendance areas and are open to students across the County, but they do tend to draw their attendance from a regional area. Secondary facilities are shown on **Figure 5**.

Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH)

The Florida Inventory of School Houses was developed by the State of Florida Department of Education to calculate the maximum capacity of school facilities within the State. This inventory takes both permanent and portable student stations into account in the calculations of student capacities. FISH capacity is calculated by the State, and the School District has an opportunity to comment on those calculations before they become finalized. Capacity is calculated using a utilization rate established by the State Requirement for Educational Facilities (SREF). The most recent utilization rate was established in August 2005. However, that rate may be changed by SREF at any time and capacity will need to be calculated according to the most current rate.

School Planning Areas

In Pinellas County, School Planning Areas (SPAs) are the boundaries that the Pinellas County School District establishes to recognize a geographical area for capacity reporting purposes.

Figures 1, 2 & 3 show the location of each school facility in Pinellas County, by school type and the corresponding SPAs. Currently, elementary schools are divided into four SPAs, middle schools into three SPAs, and high schools have one SPA that encompasses the entire County. There are some exceptions to the SPA boundaries; magnets, fundamental, secondary and exceptional student educational facilities, often draw students from beyond the SPA boundaries in which they are located and allow attendance on a countywide level.

FIGURE 4
Exceptional Educational Facilities in Pinellas County

FIGURE 5
Secondary Educational Facilities in Pinellas County

Enrollment

Existing enrollment within the Pinellas County School System is calculated twice yearly: once on the first day of school, and again in October of the school year, to determine the official number of students that are attending the schools. **Tables 4, 5 & 6** display the number of students attending Pinellas County schools, by school level, in 2009/2010, and the capacity of each school, as determined by the Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) standards. **Figures 6 & 7** display the percentage of the public school students enrolled within each School Planning Area (SPA), by school type.

TABLE 2
Inventory of Elementary Schools in Pinellas County and
their Existing Enrollment and Capacities

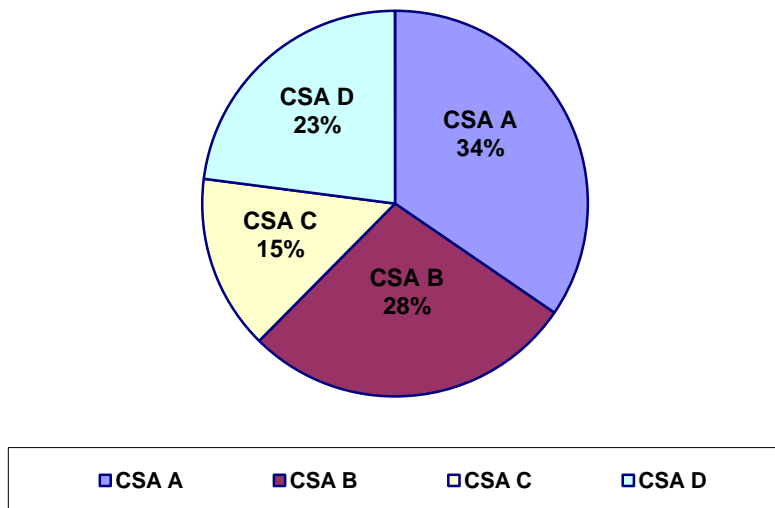
School	Existing Enrollment 2009/10	School Planning Area	Existing FISH Capacity 2009/10	Percent Utilization	Surplus Capacity 2009/10
Alfred Adler	21	ELE A*	102	21%	81
Imagine School at St Petersburg	437	ELE A*	732	60%	295
Bay Vista Fundamental Elementary	643	ELE A*	731	88%	88
Lakeview Fundamental Elementary	339	ELE A*	394	86%	55
Pasadena Fundamental Elementary	464	ELE A*	474	98%	10
Azalea Elementary	619	ELE A	830	75%	211
Bay Point Elementary	669	ELE A	771	87%	102
Bear Creek Elementary	450	ELE A	635	71%	185
Blanton Elementary	525	ELE A	1005	52%	480
Campbell Park Elementary	617	ELE A	747	83%	130
Doug Jamerson Elementary	546	ELE A	673	81%	127
Fairmount Park Elementary	567	ELE A	723	78%	156
Gulfport Elementary	628	ELE A	731	86%	103
James Sanderlin Elementary	459	ELE A	659	70%	200
John M. Sexton Elementary	673	ELE A	880	76%	207
Lakewood Elementary	551	ELE A	651	85%	100
Lynch Elementary	615	ELE A	807	76%	192
Maximo Elementary	713	ELE A	827	86%	114
Melrose Elementary	399	ELE A	552	72%	153
Mount Vernon Elementary	495	ELE A	517	96%	22
New Heights Elementary	716	ELE A	842	85%	126
North Shore Elementary	455	ELE A	466	98%	11
Northwest Elementary	641	ELE A	721	89%	80
Perkins Elementary	575	ELE A	731	79%	156
Sawgrass Lake Elementary	709	ELE A	731	97%	22
Seventy-Fourth Street Elementary	394	ELE A	758	52%	364
Shore Acres Elementary	715	ELE A	695	103%	-20
Westgate Elementary	663	ELE A	742	89%	79
Woodlawn Elementary	514	ELE A	684	75%	170
Elementary CSA A Summary	15812	ELE A	19811	80%	3999

School	Existing Enrollment 2009/10	School Planning Area	Existing FISH Capacity 2009/10	Percent Utilization	Surplus Capacity 2009/10
Pinellas Preparatory Academy-Elementary	131	ELE B*	130	101%	-1
Madeira Beach Fundamental Elementary	371	ELE B*	473	78%	102
Anona Elementary	437	ELE B	423	103%	-14
Bardmoor Elementary	538	ELE B	753	71%	215
Bauder Elementary	777	ELE B	798	97%	21
Cross Bayou Elementary	557	ELE B	772	72%	215
Frontier Elementary	681	ELE B	777	88%	96
Fuguitt Elementary	595	ELE B	877	68%	282
High Point Elementary School	618	ELE B	731	85%	113
Lealman Avenue Elementary	447	ELE B	631	71%	184
Marjorie K. Rawlings Elementary	619	ELE B	860	72%	241
Mildred Helms Elementary	729	ELE B	898	81%	169
Oakhurst Elementary	762	ELE B	795	96%	33
Orange Grove Elementary	419	ELE B	349	120%	-70
Pinellas Central Elementary	597	ELE B	754	79%	157
Pinellas Park Elementary	657	ELE B	717	92%	60
Ridgecrest Elementary	754	ELE B	799	94%	45
Seminole Elementary	639	ELE B	697	92%	58
Skyview Elementary	527	ELE B	794	66%	267
Southern Oak Elementary	632	ELE B	696	91%	64
Starkey Elementary	678	ELE B	805	84%	127
Walsingham Elementary	576	ELE B	677	85%	101
Elementary CSA B Summary	12741	ELE B	15206	84%	2465
Plato Academy-Elementary Total	230	ELE C*	230	100%	0
Belcher Elementary	663	ELE C	822	81%	159
Belleair Elementary	620	ELE C	727	85%	107
Eisenhower Elementary	690	ELE C	894	77%	204
Leila G. Davis Elementary	727	ELE C	1041	70%	314
Mc Mullen-Booth Elementary	803	ELE C	881	91%	78
Plumb Elementary	831	ELE C	1000	83%	169
Ponce de Leon Elementary	722	ELE C	811	89%	89
Safety Harbor Elementary	676	ELE C	964	70%	288
Skycrest Elementary	725	ELE C	998	73%	273
Elementary CSA C Summary	6687	ELE C	8368	80%	1681
Academie Da Vinci	116	ELE D*	118	98%	2
Athenian Academy-Elementary Total	202	ELE D*	244	83%	42
Curtis Fundamental Elementary	536	ELE D*	526	102%	-10
Life Force Arts Charter Elementary	51	ELE D*	236	22%	185
Tarpon Springs Fundamental Elementary	272	ELE D*	294	93%	22
Brooker Creek Elementary	624	ELE D	623	100%	-1
Curlew Creek Elementary	581	ELE D	786	74%	205
Cypress Woods Elementary	684	ELE D	799	86%	115
Dunedin Elementary	726	ELE D	782	93%	56

School	Existing Enrollment 2009/10	School Planning Area	Existing FISH Capacity 2009/10	Percent Utilization	Surplus Capacity 2009/10
Forest Lakes Elementary	676	ELE D	766	88%	90
Garrison-Jones Elementary	735	ELE D	762	96%	27
Highland Lakes Elementary	650	ELE D	641	101%	-9
Lake St. George Elementary	602	ELE D	692	87%	90
Oldsmar Elementary	555	ELE D	757	73%	202
Ozona Elementary	779	ELE D	793	98%	14
San Jose Elementary	450	ELE D	645	70%	195
Sandy Lane Elementary	562	ELE D	581	97%	19
Sunset Hills Elementary	569	ELE D	597	95%	28
Sutherland Elementary	544	ELE D	623	87%	79
Tarpon Springs Elementary	584	ELE D	731	80%	147
Elementary CSA D Summary	10498	ELE D	11996	88%	1498

Source: Pinellas County School District, 2009.

FIGURE 6
Elementary School Attendance in Public School Facilities by SPA



Source: Pinellas County School District, 2009.

TABLE 3
Inventory of Middle Schools in Pinellas County and their Existing Enrollment and Capacities

School	Existing Enrollment 2009/10	School Planning Area	Existing FISH Capacity 2009/10	Percent Utilization	Surplus Capacity 2009/10
Imagine Middle School at St Petersburg	7	MID A*	220	3%	213
Azalea Middle	1126	MID A	1468	77%	342
Bay Point Middle	1230	MID A	1565	79%	335

School	Existing Enrollment 2009/10	School Planning Area	Existing FISH Capacity 2009/10	Percent Utilization	Surplus Capacity 2009/10
John Hopkins Middle	1220	MID A	1618	75%	398
Meadowlawn Middle	1175	MID A	1281	92%	106
Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle	962	MID A	1141	84%	179
Tyrone Middle	801	MID A	1290	62%	489
Middle CSA A Summary	6521	MID A	8583	76%	2062
Pinellas Preparatory Academy-Middle	258	MID B*	266	97%	8
Madeira Beach Fundamental Middle	956	MID B*	1155	83%	199
Fitzgerald Middle	1334	MID B	1495	89%	161
Largo Middle	1059	MID B	1010	105%	-49
Osceola Middle	1231	MID B	1220	101%	-11
Pinellas Park Middle	1031	MID B	1186	87%	155
Seminole Middle	1299	MID B	1518	86%	219
Middle CSA B Summary	7168	MID B	7850	91%	682
Athenian Academy-Middle Total	50	MID C*	60	83%	10
Plato Academy-Middle Total	44	MID C*	26	169%	-18
Clearwater Fundamental Middle	839	MID C*	887	95%	48
Dunedin Highland Middle	1258	MID C	1333	94%	75
Joseph L. Carwise Middle	1301	MID C	1268	103%	-33
Oak Grove Middle	1254	MID C	1246	101%	-8
Palm Harbor Middle	1389	MID C	1510	92%	121
Safety Harbor Middle	1392	MID C	1644	85%	252
Tarpon Springs Middle	1141	MID C	1226	93%	85
Middle CSA C Summary	8668	MID C	9200	94%	532

Source: Pinellas County School District, 2009.

FIGURE 7
Middle School Attendance at Public School Facilities
by SPA

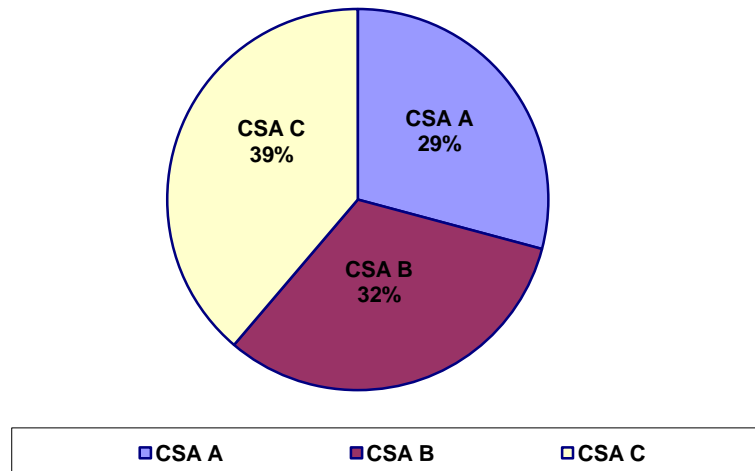


TABLE 4
Inventory of High Schools in Pinellas County and
their Existing Enrollment and Capacities

School	Existing Enrollment 2009/10	School Planning Area	Existing FISH Capacity 2009/10	Percent Utilization	Surplus Capacity 2009/10
Life Skills Center High- North	271	HIGH*	500	54%	229
Life Skills Center High-South	335	HIGH*	600	56%	265
Mavericks in Education High	133	HIGH*	400	33%	267
St Petersburg Collegiate High	206	HIGH*	300	69%	94
Bayside High	329	HIGH	607	54%	278
Boca Ciega High	1689	HIGH	1928	88%	239
Clearwater High	2068	HIGH	2206	94%	138
Countryside High	2307	HIGH	2482	93%	175
Dixie M. Hollins High	1781	HIGH	2170	82%	389
Dunedin High	1698	HIGH	1703	100%	5
East Lake High	2306	HIGH	2067	112%	-239
Gibbs High	1837	HIGH	2328	79%	491
Lakewood High	1486	HIGH	1808	82%	322
Largo High	1912	HIGH	2622	73%	710
Northeast High	2010	HIGH	1931	104%	-79
Osceola Fundamental High	1624	HIGH	1962	83%	338
Palm Harbor University High	2394	HIGH	2446	98%	52
Pinellas Park High	2118	HIGH	2137	99%	19
Seminole High	2184	HIGH	2314	94%	130
St. Petersburg High	2225	HIGH	1952	114%	-273
Tarpon Springs High	1813	HIGH	1866	97%	53
High School CSA Summary	32726	HIGH	36329	90%	3603

Source: Pinellas County School District, 2009.

TABLE 5
Inventory of Exceptional Public Schools in Pinellas County
and their Existing Enrollment and Capacities

School	Existing Enrollment 2009/10	School Planning Area	Existing FISH Capacity 2009/10	Percent Utilization	Surplus Capacity 2009/10
Calvin Hunsinger School	119	Countywide	294	40%	175
Hamilton Disston School	121	Countywide	299	40%	178
Nina Harris ESE Center	215	Countywide	409	53%	194
Paul B. Stephens ESE Center	210	Countywide	307	68%	97
Richard L. Sanders School	101	Countywide	343	29%	242

Source: Pinellas County School District, 2009