



August 5, 2025

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Facilities Planning Timeline From 2011 to Present



2011-2012

Major Districtwide Rezoning 2013-2014

Middle School Boundary Changes 2015-2016

Turnaround

Decisions made because of

performance starting this year

Closures & Consolidations

2017-2018

2019

New Master Plan Initiated 2020-2021

COVID Pauses All Progress

- APS initiated a major redistricting process realign attendance zones & address shifting enrollments & underutilized schools.
- Closed 7 Schools & 7 Facilities (5 Elem. & 2 Middle Schools)
- Creates 9 Clusters of Elementary, Middle, & High Schools
- East lake ES (Relocation Site)
- Cook ES (Wesley International)
- White ES (Admin)
- Capitol View ES
- Kennedy MS (Hollis K-8)
- Parks MS (ACCA)
- Atlanta Collegiate:
 2011 June 2029
- Kipp Strive Primary 2012 - June 2029
- · Final year:
 - Tech High School 2011-12
 - University Community Academy 2011-12
- Herndon (KIPP WAYS Charter K-8)

- Merger of Coan Middle & King Middle Schools
- 1 School & 1 Facility Closed
- Centennial Place Elementary became Conversion Charter
- Atlanta Classical Academy: 2014 - June 2029
- Centennial Academy*: 2014- June 2029 (conditional)
- KIPP Ways Primary: 2014 – June 2029 (conditional)
- KIPP Vision Primary: 2013 – June 2029 (conditional)
- Westside Atlanta Charter School: 2013 – June 2028
- Final year: Atlanta Preparatory Academy 2012-13

- Closure of Bethune Elementary School
 Opening of a new PK-8 STEM Hollis
- Merger of Connally Elementary School & Venetian Hills Elementary School
- Merged School eventually became Tuskegee Airmen Global Academy (TAGA)
- Merger of Grove Park Intermediate Elementary (3-5) School & Woodson Primary Elementary School (K-2)
- Closed 5 schools (Connally ES, Venetian ES, Grove Park, Bethune ES, Woodson)
- Closed 4 facilities
- Opened 3 schools (Hollis, TAGA, Woodson Park)
- Reopened 2 facilities (Kennedy, TAGA)
- Kindezi OFW: 2015 27 (conditional)
- Final year:
 - Intown Charter Academy 2014–
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 - Latin Academy Charter School 2015-16
- Centennial Place Academy (Charter) from K-5 to K-8
- Boundary change for Howard Middle School (Inman MS at that time).

- Closure of Whitefoord Elementary School (Toomer and Burger-Peterson).
- Merger of Adamsville Primary Elementary (K-2) and Miles Intermediate Elementary (3-5) to a K-5 school at Miles ES.
- The City of Atlanta annexed properties in unincorporated DeKalb County, including the Emory/CDC area (zoned to Springdale Park).
- Closed 3 schools (Whitefoord, Adamsville Primary, and Miles Intermediate) and 2 facilities (Whitefoord and Adamsville)
- TH Slater Elementary*: 2017 2030
- Price Middle School*: 2017 2030
- Kindezi at Gideons Elementary*: 2017 - 2028
- KIPP Soul Primary: 2018 June 2029 (conditional)
- Carver STEAM Academy*: 2018 - 2030

- Merged CSK (6-12 girls) & BEST (6-12 boys) into the former CSK only facility.
- Renamed Harper-Archer MS to John Lewis Invictus Academy & moved to the former BEST facility.
- Merger of Fain & Town Elementary Schools to create Harper-Archer ES at former Harper-Archer MS facility.
- Atlanta Public Schools (APS) initiated a new Facilities Master Plan (FMP), guided by APS Board of Education policies and strategic goals.
- A consultant team—Sizemore Group, Bleakly Advisory Group, Sycamore Consulting, & HL Strategy was hired to lead the process and collaborate closely with APS staff.
- Engagement: 3 Board Retreats,
 15 regional community meetings
- Closed 2 schools (Towns, Fain)
 & 2 facilities (Towns, Fain)
- Opened a new school (Harper-Archer)
 & one facility (Harper-Archer)
- KIPP Woodson Park Academy*: 2019 – 2028

- COVID paused the facilities planning efforts
- Inman MS moved to Howard facility to become Howard MS
- Opened one new facility (Reopening of the former Howard HS facility)
- Closed one facility (Inman MS)
- Sizemore Extensive analyses of school facility capacity and demographic trends were conducted to forecast school-age population shifts across the district.
- KIPP Soul Academy: 2020 – June 2029 (conditional)



APS FORWARD 2040: RESHAPING THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION





Facilities Planning Timeline (Continued)

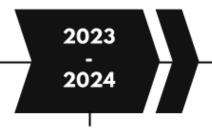








- January 2022: Restarted the community conversations
- March 2022: School facility scenarios were presented to the APS Board of Education.
- Scenarios were subsequently shared with the public through "Community Conversations" across all APS clusters.
- Dived deeper with Cluster Advisory Teams and school-based community meetings, including 2 district-wide and 3 neighborhood specific meetings.
- April 2022: Sizemore Group released Phase 1 recommendations for Midtown Elementary Schools and Centennial Academy K8 & Dunbar Elementary School, including updated zoning maps.
- May 2022: Superintendent's Phase 1 recommendations were formally presented. Community engagement took place on the recommendations, providing updates and detailed information to the public.
- June 2022: Superintendent's Phase 1 recommendations update presented to the Board and community.



Rezoning effort to relieve overcrowding at Midtown and Jackson cluster schools.

Charter Schools Closed in the last 15 years

Atlanta Preparatory Academy 2012-13
Tech High School 2011-12
University Community Academy 2011-12
Intown Charter Academy 2014-15
Latin Academy Charter School 2015-16



Woodson Park Academy K8, Boyd ES, F.L.Stanton ES, & John Lewis Invictus Academy MS rezoning to alleviate overcrowding at Woodson Park Academy (K–8)

7 of 21 are still vacant AH properties, with future plans of redevelopment past 2025.

Ongoing and Community Engagement (Comprehensive Long Range Facilities Plan)

Three rounds of regional community conversations, plus one round of cluster-specific meetings, were held during the process to gather stakeholder input. The community continues to be encouraged to ask questions, provide feedback, and participate through the APS "Let's Talk" portal, available 24/7. APS maintains a rolling schedule for upcoming community meetings and Board retreats to inform and engage stakeholders in future phase planning.



THE PROCESS

The Comprehensive Long Range Facilities Plan is a long-term roadmap guided by data and community input to modernize APS schools. Through surveys, meetings, and task force engagement, the public helps shape the district's future.



APS thinks ahead and plans for this next step in district's future with facilities planning.

APS Hires HPM to blend data and community input and create plan for strategic growth.



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Public Meetings held May through December, virtually and in-person.



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Community Task Force meets five times.



Project landing page goes live on district website, updated regularly



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Published State of Schools Report



Community Survey goes live in two languages May 21, closes August 5



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Options go public week of August 18

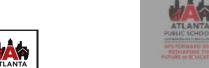


HPM presents options to the Board as a First Read at November meeting



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Board considers approval of CLRFP at December meeting





Our Strength is Our Team

Atlanta's students will have effective and engaged teachers, leaders, and staff.

- Increase concentration of highly-effective teachers and leaders
- Prioritize engagement and retention for staff
- Grow and promote strong teachers, leaders, and staff

Our Responsibility Is Shared

Atlanta's students will have supportive families, communities, and partners.

- Build meaningful partnerships
- Expand Atlanta Partners for Education (APFE) impact
- Increase access and engagement for families and communities

Our System Is Efficient & Effective

Atlanta's students will have the schools and resources they need to succeed.

- Maximize facility usage for the student and community good
- Leverage data to drive strategic financial investments
- Implement sustainability initiatives

We Are Strengthening Our Instructional Core

Atlanta's students will have high-quality instruction, materials, and targeted support.

- Implement high-quality, relevant, and engaging instructional materials and professional learning in all core content areas
- Target resources towards subgroups (e.g. exceptional educational, economically-disadvantaged)
- Accelerate early learning

We Are Caring For Every Child

Atlanta's students will have trusted, supportive adults meeting their unique needs.

- Expand strategies that reduce chronic absenteeism and disproportionate discipline
- Implement systematic culture and climate strategies
- Increase student access to trusted and reliable adults (e.g. mentors)

We Are Sparking Student Curiosity

Atlanta's students will have access to explore and expand their passions and interests.

- Promote robust arts, athletics, world language, and enrichment offerings
- Expand access to high-interest offerings (e.g. CTAE, advanced coursework)
- Explore specialized and innovative school models (e.g. School of the Arts)



BY 2030

Offer high-quality, universal

PK3 and PK4

Have a \$100,000 average teacher salary

Implement Individual Success
Plans for every student

Establish community hubs in every cluster

TASKS & TIMELINES

- Data & Discovery: February May
 - STATE OF THE SCHOOLS REPORT
- Community Task Force May, June, August, September, November
 - Community Oversight- Data and Process
- Options Development July Current
- Community Meetings
 - 1st Meeting was in June Community Survey
 - 2nd Meetings- Week of August 25th
 - 3rd Meetings October
- Recommendations / Final Report
 - Board DRAFT November
 - Board Vote December
- Communications
 - District Level School Board, Principals, Go-Teams, SAC
 - Community Level- Media, Website Updates, Focus Groups, Community meetings



Working Assumptions Options

- Cluster Model is an effective model for Feeder Pattern Structure
 - ES > MS > HS: a clear path offers stability and allows families to prepare and adjust if necessary.
- Options will aim to keep all existing cluster boundaries in place.
 - Exceptions will be considered only when other possibilities have been completely exhausted
- 3–5-year goal will be to create a Zone concept,
 based on the current cluster model
 - Create multiple secondary school options for all students in a geographically defined model
 - Introduce Programmatic Pathways to create multiple options

- Single-Gender Schools will remain a supported school type within the district
- Re-Purpose or Disposition of each unused building will be determined during the planning process
 - APS properties will be used for community need.
- Small School Supplement funding will no longer be offered starting in SY 26-27
 - Move towards the state funded enrollment models
- All options will account all students who live in each boundary



Working Assumptions Options

Guidance for School Size Standards

Atlanta Public Schools School Size Standards			
	Minimum enrollment	Target Enrollment	Maximum Enrollment
	Minimum Capacity	Target Capacity	Maximum Capacity
Elementary Schools	450	600	900
	500	675	1000
Middle Schools	900	1125	1545
	1000	1250	1725
High Schools	1200	1500	2150
	1350	1675	2375

- Need to assure that lower schools create enrollment and capacity capability to secondary schools
- Potential live-in student population allows all grade levels to meet minimum enrollment requirements yet do not over-utilize facility
- Program Continuity must be considered when final disposition of schools is determined



Relentless Pursuit of Improvement

- Focused on continuous improvement of Student Outcomes
 - Breadth and depth of programs
 - Increased after school programs
- Provide more equity and access to support services
 - Counselors/Learning Coaches
 - Early childhood education centers
 - Community/Family Hubs
 - Affordable Staff Housing
 - Professional Learning Spaces
- Increase learning pathways
 - ACCA/ CTAE
 - College preparedness
 - Arts



OPTIONS FRAMEWORK

- Unify dual campus schools
- Appropriately-sized for programmatically strong schools
- Validate the K-8 delivery model
 - Implement K-8's only where programmatically viable
- Where necessary build additions for overutilized facilities
 - No longer using border schools as an expedient solution to secondary school enrollment & utilization
 - Will consider 3–5-year implementation of high school zoning concept
- Attract and Retain Students





Upcoming Public Engagement Opportunities

Join Us For

Reshaping the Future of Education Facilities Plan (CLRFP)

Atlanta Public Schools is committed to transparency and eager to hear your input as we implement the Comprehensive Long Range Facilities Plan (CLRFP).

In-Person Public Meetings

Monday, August 25th 6PM*
Monday, October 20th 6PM*
Monday, November 10th 6PM*

Center for Learning and Leadership 130 Trinity Ave • Atlanta, GA 30303

Community Task Force Meetings

Tuesday, August 5th 6PM Thursday, October 9th 6PM

Center for Learning and Leadership 130 Trinity Ave • Atlanta, GA 30303 Open to public to observe

Community Outreach Meetings

We'll Come to YOU!

August 26, 27, 28
Dates and Times TBD

Virtual Public Meetings

Monday, August 25th 12PM(Noon) Monday, October 20th 12PM(Noon) Monday, November 10th 12PM(Noon)

> Link will be provided closer to the date

Let's Talk!

Your specific question or comment will be routed to the appropriate APS staff member, who will follow up with you in a timely fashion. Available 24/7 from your phone, computer, or tablet.

Public Survey

Provide feedback and shape the future of your school. Open until August 5, 2025. Available in English or Spanish. Scan the QR Code Below to be taken to the Online Survey.

Other Important Dates

- · Options Go Public: August 18
- First Read: November Board Meeting
- Second Read: December Board Meeting
- All updates here: atlantapublicschools.us/APS2040



*Recording Posted to Website after the meeting is adjourned.





Próximas oportunidades de participación pública

Únase a nosotros para

Redefiniendo el futuro de la educación

Las Escuelas Públicas de Atlanta están comprometidas con la transparencia y están ansiosas por escuchar sus comentarios a medida que implementamos el Plan Integral de Instalaciones a Largo Plazo.

Reuniones públicas presenciales

Centro de Aprendizaje y Liderazgo 130 Trinity Ave • Atlanta, GA 30303

Reuniones del grupo de trabajo comunitario

Martes 5 de agosto • 18:00h*

Jueves 9 de octubre • 18:00h*

Centro de Aprendizaje y Liderazgo 130 Trinity Ave • Atlanta, GA 30303 Abierto al público para observar

Reuniones de extensión comunitaria

¡Iremos a ti!

26, 27, 28 de Agosto Fechas y horarios a determinar

Reuniones públicas virtuales

Lunes 25 de Agosto • 12:00h*

Lunes 20 de Octubre • 12:00h*

Lunes 10 de Noviembre • 12:00h*

Se proporcionará un enlace más cerca de la fecha.

¡Hablemos!

Su pregunta o comentario específico se enviará al miembro del personal de APS correspondiente, quien se pondrá en contacto con usted a la brevedad. Disponible 24/7 desde su teléfono, computadora o tableta.

Encuesta pública

Comparte tu opinión y define el futuro de tu escuela. Abierto hasta el 5 de agosto de 2025. Disponible en inglés o español. Escanea el código QR a continuación para acceder a la encuesta en línea.

Otras fechas importantes

- Opciones disponibles para la bolsa: 18 de Agosto
- Primera lectura: Reunión de la Junta Directiva de Noviembre
- Segunda lectura: Reunión de la Junta Directiva de Diciembre
- Todas las actualizaciones aguíatlantapublicschools.us/APS2040



*Grabación publicada en el sitio web después de que se levanta la reunión.

