

have been established in determining capacity.

According to the Educational Plant Survey and state recommendations, the optimum size of elementary schools is 600- 800 student stations. It is educationally and economically desirable for an elementary school to be large enough to justify a full time principal, a librarian, and instructional and clerical services. The optimum size for middle schools is 1,000-1,200 student stations, and for high school stations is 1,800-2,000.

The School Board of Escambia County has adopted the following minimum space requirements for the construction of new schools, based on state guidelines.

**Elementary Schools (Grades Pre-K - 5)**

Student Capacity 796 (State: 600 - 800)

Student Stations 796 (State: 600 - 800)

Gross sq. ft. 118,063

Utilization 100%

**Middle Schools (Grades 6-8)**

Student Capacity 1,204 (State: 900 - 1,080)

Student Stations 1,338 (State: 1,000 - 1,200)

Gross sq. ft. 202,284

Utilization 90%

**High Schools (Grades 9-12)**

Student Capacity 1,932 (State: 1,620 -1,800)

Student Stations 2,034 (State: 1,800 -2,000)

Gross sq. ft. 328,466

Utilization 95%

**Combination (PreK-8)**

Student Capacity 1,211

Student Stations 1,346

Gross sq. ft. 222,560

Utilization 90%

Escambia County School Board reports capacity to the Department of Education using the standards of the Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH). FISH capacity includes permanent capacity, modular capacity and relocatable capacity. Permanent FISH capacity only includes student stations that are located within permanent structures and student stations that are located within modular structures. Relocatable FISH capacity only includes student stations that are located within relocatables (portables). Total FISH capacity includes permanent, modular and relocatable capacity. The adopted level of service standards detailed in the next section only consider permanent and modular FISH capacity, relocatable capacity does not count.

**Reference Note: Modular capacity utilized is based on Type II modular buildings which have a 40 year life span.**