

2008 Basic Facts: Year-round Schools

WCPSS operates 49 year-round schools: 41 elementary and 8 middle schools.

Multi-track, year-round

- Students attend 180 days on each track
- Students stay with the same teacher the entire school year
- The year is divided into four quarters with 45 days of instruction followed by 15-day breaks.
- Students and their teachers attend one of four tracks, each with its own 45/15 calendar.
- At any given time, three tracks of students and their teachers are in school and one track is on vacation
- Each time students and their teachers return from a break, they move to another classroom
- Teachers have the same number of planning days on year-round as traditional calendar
- Students and teachers have the same holidays on year-round as traditional calendar

Benefits of Year-round calendar

- Multi-track schools can accommodate 20-33% more students in a building
- Saves on construction costs by better utilizing available space
- Saves on operating costs (for example, 6 classes of students can share 5 sets of textbooks, equipment, furniture)
- The 15-day breaks provide a time for enrichment and remedial opportunities for students.
- For every three schools on a multi-track year-round calendar, that's one school you don't have to build

How year-round saves space

For a standard WCPSS elementary school, plus 5 trailers:

- 23 avg. students per section
- School can handle 5 sections of students at each grade
K-5 = 690.
- With year-round, school can handle 6 sections of students K-5 = 828
- $828 - 690 = 138$ extra students
- 20% space saving

For a large elementary school design described in WCPSS capital planning assumptions:

- 23 avg. students per section
- School can handle 6 sections of students at each grade
K-5 = 828.
- With year-round, school can handle 8 sections of students K-5 = 1104
- $1104 - 828 = 276$ extra students
- 33% space saving

History of WCPSS Year-round schools

1987-88	WCPSS first investigates year-round schools
1989-90	WCPSS opens nation's first magnet year-round school with 267 students
1991-92	WCPSS opens nation's first multi-track magnet year-round school Morrisville ES with 750 students
1992-93	WCPSS adds four more year-round schools: 3 elementary and 1 middle. The schools are West Lake ES, Durant Road ES, Wilburn ES and West Lake MS. There are now 3,142 students in year-round.
1999-2000	Over next seven years, WCPSS adds seven more year-round schools: five elementary and two middle. These schools include Oak Grove ES, Green ES, Jones Dairy ES, Timber Drive ES, Adams ES, Durant Road MS and Lufkin Road MS. In 1999-2000, there are 10,929 students in year-round.
2001-02	WCPSS Growth and Planning assigns English-as-a-Second-Language programs and base nodes to multi-track, year-round schools.
2003-04	WCPSS adds two more year-round schools: one elementary and one middle. These schools are Heritage ES and Heritage MS
2004-05	WCPSS adds two more year-round schools: Jones Dairy ES and Turner Creek ES. In 2005-06, there are 14,564 students in year-round.
2006-07	WCPSS adds five year-round schools: Barwell Road ES, Brier Creek ES, Carpenter ES, Holly Grove ES and River Bend ES. In 2006,-07, there are more than 17,000 students in year-round.
2007-08	As school enrollment soars, WCPSS adds 26 year-round schools, four are new schools and 22 schools are transitioned to the year-round calendar.
2008-09	WCPSS adds three year-round schools: Laurel Park ES, Mills Park ES and Sycamore Creek ES.