

Chapter 9b – The Educational Facilities and Services Plan

Educational Facilities and Services Goals

The Educational Facilities and Services chapter focuses on providing assurance that vital public educational services will be provided for the county's rapidly growing population. These educational services are impacted by the growth that is occurring in Berkeley County and they are part of the growth management plan. The goals of Educational Facilities and Services Plan are to:

- Coordinate the location and development of public educational facilities with targeted growth areas.
- Invest in quality facilities for public libraries in the county.

Educational Facilities and Services Profile Summary

The purpose of this profile is to provide an inventory of existing public and private educational facilities and services in Berkeley County. The significance of community facilities is critical in assessing needed improvements to serve current and future development. The Education and Library Facilities Map is located in the Appendices.

Educational Facilities and Services Profile

Public Education Profile

Public education in Berkeley County is provided by the Berkeley County School District. Each county school district in West Virginia is required by the State Board of Education to develop a ten year Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP). Its primary purpose is to *“establish a planned, organized, systematic approach to providing educational facilities that will support the county school system in the delivery of the best possible education to its students within the parameters of available resources.”* (Berkeley County Schools Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan, 2000-2010, January 2000.) The Berkeley County School District has developed such a plan with a revision date of July 2010.

Berkeley County Schools is the fastest growing school district in West Virginia, according to an April 15, 2015 letter to parents from Superintendent Manny P. Arvon. New schools built and opened since the 2006 Comprehensive Plan include Spring Mills Primary, Mountain Ridge Intermediate, Mountain Ridge Middle and Spring Mills High. Martinsburg North Middle renovations were completed in early 2015 with the realignment of student enrollment in affect for the 2015-2016 school year. Potomack Intermediate School renovations are scheduled to begin in 2015. In a July 23, 2015 Martinsburg Journal news article it was stated that, since approximately 1996, “Berkeley County schools have grown by 7,000 students. The system has built 10 new schools and completed 37 renovation and expansion projects.”

There are 21 elementary schools (including 2 primary schools and 6 intermediate schools), 6 middle schools, and 4 high schools in the Berkeley County School District. See Table 9-3 for a listing of these schools and their corresponding enrollment numbers. At the writing of the 2006 Comprehensive Plan, The School District was under intense pressure for additional facilities as the County's school age population continues to grow. Enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year was approximately 18,668 students K-12. This is a total increase of 3,685 students over the 2004-2005 school year enrollment. (See Table 9-3.) Total current capacity is 21,905 which is approximately 3,237 above current enrollment. The construction of four new schools increased district capacity by 3,622. Renovations of existing schools also increased overall district capacity. Total school capacity minus total enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year is 3,237. As the county population continues to grow, additional school construction and renovations will need to take place in order to maintain open capacity.

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Table 9-3 Berkeley County Public Schools Enrollments 2004-2005 & 2014-2015 School Years

School	2004-2005 Enrollment	2014-2015 Enrollment	2014-2015 Capacity	Change in Enrollment from 2004-2005 to 2014-2015	Capacity Minus 2014-2015 Enrollment
Inwood Primary	180	174	300	(6)	126
Spring Mills Primary	-	436	600	436	164
Back Creek Valley Elementary	175	146	250	(29)	104
Bedington Elementary	218	168	219	(50)	51
Berkeley Heights Elementary	613	980	655	367	-325
Bunker Hill Elementary	198	404	308	206	-96
Burke Street Elementary	150	106	173	(44)	67
Gerrardstown Elementary	176	261	225	85	-36
Hedgesville Elementary	424	635	650	211	15
Marlowe Elementary	252	323	437	71	114
Opequon Elementary	502	461	600	(41)	139
Rosemont Elementary	331	462	415	131	-47
Tuscarora Elementary	297	341	500	44	159
Valley View Elementary	571	409	550	(162)	141
Winchester Avenue Elementary	230	257	266	27	9
Eagle School Intermediate	409	761	900	352	139
Mill Creek Intermediate	717	508	600	(209)	92
Mountain Ridge Intermediate	-	581	772	581	191
Orchard View Intermediate	501	604	625	103	21
Potomack Intermediate	768	725	600	(43)	-125
Tomahawk Intermediate	407	548	650	141	102
TOTAL ELEMENTARY	7,119	9,290	10,295	2,171	1,005
Hedgesville Middle	604	713	775	109	62
Martinsburg North Middle	657	591	650	(66)	59
Martinsburg South Middle	793	917	900	124	-17
Mountain Ridge Middle	-	607	750	607	143
Musselman Middle	1,099	643	1,260	(456)	617
Spring Mills Middle	461	756	750	295	-6
TOTAL MIDDLE	3,614	4,227	5,085	613	858
Hedgesville High	1,471	1,196	1,750	(275)	554
Martinsburg High	1,471	1,268	1,500	(203)	232
Musselman High	1,308	1,524	1,775	216	251
Spring Mills High	-	1,163	1,500	1,163	337
TOTAL HIGH	4,250	5,151	6,525	901	1,374
TOTAL ALL SCHOOLS	14,983	18,668	21,905	3,685	3,237

Source: Berkeley County Schools

Private Schools Profile

There are also 5 private schools in Berkeley County that enroll Pre-K through 12th Grade students. Current enrollment for these schools is listed in Table 9-4.

Table 9-4 Private Schools in Berkeley County

Schools	Location	Grades	Enrollment
Faith Christian Academy	138 Greensburg Rd, Martinsburg	Pre-K – 12	291
Martinsburg Christian Academy	2247 Williamsport Pike, Martinsburg	Pre-K – 12	28
Rocky Knoll Seventh Day Adventist School	52 Advent Drive, Martinsburg	Pre-K – 8	69
Saint Joseph Parish School	336 S. Queen St, Martinsburg	Pre-K – 8	352
Eastern Panhandle Christian Academy	2395 Middleway Pike, Bunker Hill	K-12	19

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Public Libraries Profile

Berkeley County has four public libraries throughout the region. They are located in Martinsburg, Musselman-South Berkeley, North Berkeley and Hedgesville. Services at these libraries include general print collections, passport agents, notary public, meeting rooms, exhibit space, and electronic and other multimedia resources. Additional information and current activity schedules are located at <http://martinsburg.lib.wv.us>.

Other Educational Opportunities Profile

Residents of Berkeley County also have access to a variety of alternatives to traditional secondary programs, as well as post-secondary educational opportunities. These opportunities are listed in the following table.

Table 9-5 Educational Opportunities Beyond High School

Educational Institution	Type	Website
James Rumsey Technical Institute	High School and Adult Education	www.jamesrumsey.com
WVU – The Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center	University Level Health Education	www.hsc.wvu.edu
WVU Berkeley County Extension Service	Community Resident Education	www.berkeley.ext.wvu.edu
American Public University	Online, Accredited University	www.apu.apus.edu
Valley College, Martinsburg Campus	College Level	www.valley.edu
Shepherd University	Bachelor’s through Doctorate Degrees	www.shepherd.edu
Shepherd University-Martinsburg Center	Bachelor’s through Doctorate Degrees	www.shepherd.edu/martinsburg-center
Blue Ridge Community and Technical College	Associate’s Degree Level and Technical Certificates	www.blueridgectc.edu

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- Encourage the Berkeley County Board of Education to consider the growth management recommendations in the Berkeley County Comprehensive Plan when acquiring property or siting new schools in the county.
- The Berkeley County Planning Commission and Board of Education should coordinate with one another on the siting of new schools to encourage consistency with the recommendations of the Berkeley County Comprehensive Plan.

2016 Educational Facilities and Services Highlights

- Berkeley County Schools is the fastest growing school district in West Virginia.
- New schools built since 2006 include Spring Mills Primary, Mountain Ridge Intermediate, Mountain Ridge Middle and Spring Mills High. Martinsburg North Middle and Potomack Intermediate renovations have also been completed.
- Since approximately 1996, the system has built ten new schools and completed thirty-seven renovation and expansion projects.
- Total school capacity minus total enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year was 3,237. As the county population continues to grow, additional school construction and renovations will need to take place in order to maintain open capacity.
- There are five private schools in Berkeley County that enroll Pre-Kindergarten through twelfth grade students.
- Berkeley County has four public libraries located in Martinsburg, Musselman-South Berkeley, North Berkeley and Hedgesville.
- Residents of Berkeley County have access to a variety of educational opportunities including alternatives to traditional secondary programs, technical certificates, and post-secondary educational opportunities ranging from the Associate’s degree level all the way through the Doctorate degree level.

Looking Forward to 2026

The Berkeley County Board of Education is encouraged to consider the growth management recommendations in the Berkeley County Comprehensive Plan when acquiring property or siting new schools in the county. The coordination of the Berkeley County Planning Commission and the Board of Education, on the siting of new schools, will encourage consistency with the recommendations of the Berkeley County Comprehensive Plan. An existing tool available to assist in this coordination is the Residential Development Public School Impact Analysis Form. This form is a requirement of the 2009 Berkeley County Subdivision Ordinance as part of the application process. The Martinsburg-Berkeley County Public Libraries are a wealth of resources and information. Opportunities to invest in them are provided on the webpage and in their monthly newsletters.