

Roane County Schools

100.013 Educational Plan – Educational System Plan

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The Educational Plan proposed for this ten-year planning period provides a standard against which existing facilities can be measured (e.g., how well do the facilities support the goals defined in the plan). This includes an analysis of the current educational program and projections of the planned educational program.

A. Educational System Plan

The 2020 Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP) needs to meet the 21st Century Educational Plan. Revolutionary changes in technology, the global marketplace, and significant social, political, and environmental issues dramatically affect the skills students today must know. The challenge is to provide instruction that is not only relevant and engaging but that also includes the world-class rigor necessary to prepare students to become successful in a diverse, complex, competitive world.

The Educational Plan will be flexible to allow schools to meet the needs of the 21st Century teacher and learner. Increased access to technology, as well as curriculum updates and professional development will move Roane County Schools towards a 21st Century globally competitive system.

Roane County Schools will be structured to best meet the educational needs of the students within diverse geographical attendance areas within the resources available. Funding available to Roane County Schools for all curriculum is greatly impacted by lack of availability of funds due to the last community-approved Excess Levy for added curriculum programs being passed in 1946.

Currently Roane County Schools is organized as follows:

School	Grade Configuration	2017 Enrollment
Geary Elementary / Middle School	PK – 8	285
Spencer Elementary School	PK – 4	535
Spencer Middle School	5 – 8	413
Walton Elementary / Middle School	PK – 8	339
Roane County High School	9 – 12	654
Roane-Jackson Technical Center	10 – 12 & Adult	--

The 2020 organization plan will be as follows:

School	Grade Configuration	2028 Enrollment (projected)
Geary Elementary / Middle School	PK – 8	261
Spencer Elementary School	PK – 4	494
Spencer Middle School	5 – 8	366
Walton Elementary / Middle School	PK – 8	314
Roane County High School	9 – 12	593
Roane-Jackson Technical Center	10 – 12 & Adult	--

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Operationally, grade configurations will follow a PK-4/5-8 split in the Spencer attendance area, with PK – 8 schools at Geary and Walton, and 9 – 12 in the high school level. Common areas such as dining, physical education, and media center will be shared in the PK – 8 schools.

Alternatives will be used including interdisciplinary teaming, large and small group instruction, as well as one-on-one teaching where appropriate. A variety of class patterns will be necessary to meet the needs of students and to implement the curriculum.

In grades PK – 4, students will be served in a self-contained delivery model. In grades 5 – 8 and 9 – 12, students will be served using a departmentalized interdisciplinary teaming model. Program delivery models are contingent upon finances and available staff and resources.

Roane County Schools' diverse geographic attendance areas result in small school size and are below recommendations for grade configurations by the West Virginia School Building Authority goals for economies of scale.

Roane County Schools will strive to meet the minimum classroom enrollments. However, in light of decreasing enrollment, distance, geographic barriers, and other limitations, it is not likely that Roane County Schools can meet the SBA-recommended goals.

The method of scheduling to be utilized in Roane County's schools by grade levels will be based on West Virginia Code:

- PK – 5: at least 315 instructional minutes daily
- 6 – 8: at least 330 instructional minutes daily
- 9 – 12: at least 345 instructional minutes daily

Elementary, middle, and high school schedules will be designed to ensure that equal educational opportunities are provided to all students. Schedules will reflect approaches to assist students in achieving high levels of performance in the 21st Century content standards and objectives and 21st Century learning skills and technology tools.

An alternative education site is provided at the appropriate schedules to meet student needs. After school as well as summer programs will be provided at the schools as appropriate. Career and technical education will be provided at Roane County High School, Roane-Jackson Technical Center, and all county middle schools.