



**Ten-Year Facilities Planning – Article Series**

**Article 2 – School History**

Enrollment Growth, The Busing Years, The Current Facilities

The Hinsdale County School District was formed in January, 1876 enrolling 28 students. Since 1990, student population growth has been modest, but steady, climbing from 56 to the current enrollment of 111 in 2017. Projected enrollment in 2026 is 121.

The central portion of the current Lake City Community School building was completed in October, 1986 (30 years old) on the site of the original brick schoolhouse built in 1880. The cupola dates to 1884 and was originally part of the Hiram C. Kelly estate in Cheyenne, WY. In 2003, after busing middle and high school students 55 miles to Gunnison since the 1960s, additions were completed to accommodate all grades K-12. Space is leased at the Wee Care facility for Pre-Kindergarteners.

The current total school facility is 14,323 square feet (SF). This results in a current ratio of 127 SF per student. In a peer comparison with 22 other similarly-sized schools in Colorado their average SF/student is 238, almost twice that of Hinsdale County School District.

Other facilities utilized, but not owned, by the District are the Armory for physical education and life skills (3.5 blocks south) and the Mary Stigall Theatre for drama (3 blocks south).

Lake City Community School is surrounded by residences on 2.5 acres of land. The District also owns a soccer field at Henson and 7<sup>th</sup> and a residence referred to as the “Happy House” at Hwy 149 and 7<sup>th</sup>. A school parking lot designed for District vehicles was added in 2016. All other school parking is on Silver and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets adjacent to residences.

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