



Fact Sheet

Year Round Schools

Wake County Public Schools Use Year Round Schools to Add More Seats

- ✓ Wake County has 49 year round schools (40 elementary and nine middle).
- ✓ Current year round calendar schools serve more than 44,000 children and create space for approximately 10,000 additional students than if the four-track year round calendar were not used.
- ✓ Most students enrolled in year round calendar schools are there by assignment, but thousands are there as an elected calendar choice. For the 2009-10 school year, 3,848 students applied to enter a year round school when their base school had a traditional calendar.
- ✓ More than 2 million students in almost 3,000 public schools in 41 states and 610 school districts attend year round schools.
- ✓ Year round schools are popular among parents and students.
- ✓ Year round schools accommodate 20 to 25 percent additional students per school. If utilized efficiently, year round schools save money. As of December 2009, elementary year-round schools were at 85 percent capacity, and year-round middle schools were operating at 91 percent capacity.
- ✓ In 2007-08, year round schools provided a capacity gain of 7,000 elementary seats and 2,000 middle school seats, when compared to that of a traditional calendar.
- ✓ Year round capacity has provided a school construction savings of \$321 million.
- ✓ Year round schools helped keep taxes lower in the past five years. By lowering the amount of the 2006 school construction bond referendum, four-track year round schools helped increase capacity by building fewer school buildings.

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