

Assessment Narrative

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2.27.1 Palmetto Elementary School**2.27.2 GENERAL INFORMATION**

Original Construction: 1949
Additions/Renovations: 1956, 1980, 1989, 1995, 2000, 2004, 2008
Site Area: undetermined
Floor Area (Permanent): 26,693
Floor Area (Portable/Temporary):
Design Capacity: 305
Current Enrollment: 337
Capacity/Enrollment: 115%
Portables\Temporary: 5 classrooms
Permanent Classrooms: 16.

2.27.3 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND ARRANGEMENT

The campus consists of a one-story classroom building, cafeteria building, and numerous temporary buildings. The permanent one-story classroom building envelope consists of slab-on-grade, load bearing masonry walls, structural steel framing, metal or tectum decking, brick veneer, non-insulated steel windows, and modified bituminous roof system. The temporary buildings are of various ages and construction material, including wood and metal. The buildings are connected with aluminum or wooden walkway covers.

2.27.4 INTERIOR FINISHES**Administrative Offices:**

VCT flooring was observed to be in overall fair condition. Painted CMU perimeter walls and plywood interior walls appeared to be in overall good condition. The ceiling was the exposed structure, with surface-mounted fluorescent light fixtures. Lighting appeared adequate overall. Interior doors, frames, and hardware were in fair condition. No seating available. Wood and/or plastic laminate desks, shelves, counters, and cabinets appeared to be in overall fair condition.

Corridors: n/a – no interior corridors.

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Coated floors and ceramic tile floors were observed and appeared to be in overall fair condition. Painted plywood walls with ceramic tile or brick wainscot, or painted CMU walls, were observed to be in poor to fair condition. The ceilings were the exposed structure with surface-mounted incandescent light fixtures, in fair condition. Lighting appeared to be inadequate. Plumbing fixtures appeared to be in fair condition. Toilet partitions were wood, and appeared to be in fair condition overall. Ventilation was poor. Toilet room doors were wood with hollow metal frames in poor condition as was door hardware.

Classrooms:

VCT flooring was observed and appeared to be in fair condition overall. Painted CMU walls were observed to be in overall fair condition. The ceilings were the exposed structure, rusted and stained in numerous locations. Surface-mounted fluorescent strip light fixtures were observed, and appeared to be in fair condition overall. Lighting appeared adequate. Wood flush doors with hollow metal frames were observed to be in overall poor condition. Marker boards and tack boards appeared to be in overall good condition. Rudimentary wood shelving observed to be in overall poor condition. Plastic chairs with steel frames, and laminate table tops with steel frames, were observed to be in overall good condition.

Cafeteria and Kitchen:

Coated floor was observed to be in overall fair condition. Painted masonry walls appeared to be in overall good condition. Acoustical ceilings, with fluorescent light fixtures, appeared to be in fair condition overall. Lighting appeared adequate. All food service equipment was observed to be in good condition. Plastic laminate tables with steel frames and plastic chairs appeared to be in overall good condition.

Assessment Narrative**Library:**

VCT flooring was observed and appeared to be in fair condition overall. Painted perimeter CMU walls, and interior wood paneling walls, were observed to be in overall good condition. Ceilings were the exposed structure and appeared to be in overall fair condition. Surface-mounted fluorescent strip light fixtures, in fair condition, were attached to the bottom of the exposed joists. Lighting appeared adequate. Wood flush doors with hollow metal frames were observed to be in overall fair condition. Library wood shelving observed to be in overall fair condition. Plastic chairs with steel frames, and laminate table tops with steel frames, were observed to be in overall good condition.

Computer Lab:

VCT flooring was observed and appeared to be in fair condition overall. Painted CMU walls were observed to be in overall fair condition. Acoustical ceilings were observed and appeared to be in overall fair condition. Surface-mounted fluorescent strip light fixtures, in fair condition, were observed and appeared adequate. Wood flush doors with hollow metal frames were observed to be in overall fair condition. Work stations: Plastic chairs with steel frames and plastic laminate tables with steel frames were observed to be in overall good condition. 30 computers were observed.

2.27.5 WATER AND SEWAGE SYSTEMS

The facility is serviced by a public water supply source and public sewage disposal.

2.27.6 HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS

Split systems with gas fired heating and condensers mounted on ground for Cafeteria. All classrooms utilize through-wall units.

2.27.7 ELECTRICAL AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS

Multiple electrical service entrances were observed. Pole mounted electrical transformers were observed. Fluorescent lighting fixtures were observed throughout the facility.

Assessment Narrative**2.27.8 Fire Protection System**

The facility is unsprinklered, but is monitored by a fire alarm system. Fire extinguishers and a kitchen hood extinguisher system were observed.

2.27.9 EXTERIOR GROUNDS

The exterior grounds have gravel parking/driveways in fair condition, without parking lot and security lighting. Concrete paved walkways and walkway covers are present. There is playground equipment present. Overall, landscaping is minimal, but grass and trees are in good condition and plentiful.