



Cost per Student Station

Requirements in Florida Statutes

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Cost per Student Station Limitations:

Section 1013.64(6)(b)1., F.S. A district school board may not use funds...for any new construction of educational plant space with a total cost per student station, including change orders, that equals more than:

- a. \$17,952 for an elementary school,
- b. \$19,386 for a middle school, or
- c. \$25,181 for a high school,

(January 2006) as adjusted annually to reflect increases or decreases in the Consumer Price Index.

Annual adjustments published by Florida Legislative Office of Economic and Demographic Research

<http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/conferences/peco/studentstation.pdf>

January 2018:

- a. \$22,451 for an elementary school,
- b. \$24,244 for a middle school, or
- c. \$31,491 for a high school,

Cost per Student Station includes:

(1013.64, F.S. and Form FCO 564PS Rule 6A-2.0010, FAC)

a. Legal and administrative costs

This refers to all legal and administrative fees paid to private attorneys, governmental agencies and other professionals who are not architects or engineers, for services rendered (e.g., recording fees, doc stamps, clerk-of-the-works).

b. Fees of architects and engineers

This refers to the cost for professional architectural and engineering services performed in connection with planning, design and construction of the facility, including all base service and additional authorized services.

Cost per Student Station includes (cont.):

(1013.64, F.S. and Form FCO 564PS Rule 6A-2.0010, FAC)

c. Site improvement cost (incidental to construction)

This refers to the work that must be performed on a site from five feet away from building to site boundary. This includes the amount spent for finish grading, draining, seeding, planting and preparing the site for use after the building has been constructed. Site improvement also refers to the cost of electrical transformers, sewer lift stations, and water, gas and electric lines from five feet away from the school facility to the source of the utility at the site boundary.

Cost per Student Station includes (cont.):

(1013.64, F.S. and Form FCO 564PS Rule 6A-2.0010, FAC)

d. Building contract cost

This refers to the total cost of building construction within five feet of building, including all materials and supplies purchased by the district school board. All change order charges known at the time should also be added or deducted from the contract cost. Include built-in cabinets, millwork and other furniture or equipment permanently fixed or attached to the building as part of building construction. This does not include costs for movable school furniture and equipment.

Cost per Student Station includes (cont.):

(1013.64, F.S. and Form FCO 564PS Rule 6A-2.0010, FAC)

e. Furniture and equipment

These costs refer to all furniture and equipment required to make the facility operational on the first day of school. This includes, but is not limited to, student and teacher desks, computer equipment, science and vocational lab equipment, library furniture, audio-visual equipment, library books required to initially stock the media center and other school equipment that a district would normally capitalize, such as copy machines, etc. Equipment costs excluded from this definition are items such as interscholastic activity equipment (i.e., football or band uniforms). Additionally, textbooks, consumable supplies and non-capitalized science and vocational lab supplies are excluded from this definition.

Cost per Student Station excludes:

(1013.64, F.S. and Form FCO 564PS Rule 6A-2.0010, FAC)

f. Cost to make as hurricane shelter and/or hurricane hardened

This refers to the additional cost incurred as a result of mandatory hurricane shelter and/or hurricane hardening requirements due to location and designation by the Division of Emergency Management. Note: This amount should be deducted from Building Cost (Item d).

Cost per Student Station excludes (cont.):

(1013.64, F.S. and Form FCO 564PS Rule 6A-2.0010, FAC)

g. Cost to purchase site

This is the cost to purchase the site. If the site is an existing site, this is the cost of the site when originally purchased. If the site was donated, this is zero.

h. Cost to make public utilities available at site

This is the cost to bring water, sewer, power, gas and telephone services to the site boundary and includes on-site water and on-site sewage treatment plants.

Cost per Student Station excludes (cont.):

(1013.64, F.S. and Form FCO 564PS Rule 6A-2.0010, FAC)

i. Cost to correct site drainage and/or construct a retention area

This refers to the additional cost incurred as a result of mandatory permits and/or inspections required by federal, state or local agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Environmental Protection and water management districts, including local and state concurrency requirements to accommodate drainage problems at the site.

j. Cost to make public roads accessible

This is the cost to make the site accessible to the public, which may require sidewalks, additional turn lanes, traffic lights or other requirements.

Cost per Student Station excludes (cont.):

(1013.64, F.S. and Form FCO 564PS Rule 6A-2.0010, FAC)

k. Cost to make site free of environmental problems

This refers to fees or additional costs incurred as a result of mandatory permits and/or inspections required by federal, state or local agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Environmental Protection and water management districts, including local and state concurrency requirements.

Cost per Student Station excludes (cont.):

(1013.64, F.S. and Form FCO 564PS Rule 6A-2.0010, FAC)

I. Cost to make facility or plant secure

This is the cost for securing entries, checkpoint construction, lighting specifically designed for entry point security, security cameras, automatic locks and locking devices, electronic security systems, fencing designed to prevent intruder entry into a building, bullet-proof glass, or other capital construction items approved by the school safety specialist to ensure building security for new educational, auxiliary, or ancillary facilities; costs for these items must be below 2 percent per student station.

Before July 1, 2017

Cost per Student Station Limitations

apply to projects from the following fund sources:

Section 1013.64(6)(b)1., F.S.

- Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund;
- School District Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund;
- Classrooms First Program
- nonvoted 1.5-mill levy of ad valorem property taxes;
- Classrooms for Kids Program
- District Effort Recognition Program; or
- High Growth District Capital Outlay Assistance Grant Program

After July 1, 2017

Cost per Student Station Limitations apply to projects funded from any source.

Section 1013.64(6)(b)3., F.S. Effective July 1, 2017, in addition to the funding sources listed in subparagraph 1., a district school board may not use funds from any sources for new construction of educational plant space with a total cost per student station, including change orders, which equals more than the current adjusted amounts provided in sub-subparagraphs 1.a.-c. which shall subsequently be adjusted annually to reflect increases or decreases in the Consumer Price Index.

Districts are required to maintain documentation:

Section 1013.64(6)(b)2., F.S. School districts shall maintain accurate documentation related to the costs of all new construction...The Auditor General shall review the documentation maintained by the school districts and verify compliance with the limits under this paragraph during its scheduled operational audits of the school district.

Section 1013.64(6)(c), F.S. ... A school district that exceeds the cost per student station provided in paragraph (b), as determined by the Auditor General, shall be subject to sanctions. If the Auditor General determines that the cost per student station overage is de minimus or due to extraordinary circumstances outside the control of the district, the sanctions shall not apply.

Sanctions:

Section 1013.64(6)(c), F.S. ... The sanctions are as follows:

1. The school district shall be ineligible for allocations from the Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund for the next 3 years in which the school district would have received allocations had the violation not occurred.
2. The school district shall be subject to the supervision of a district capital outlay oversight committee. The oversight committee is authorized to approve all capital outlay expenditures of the school district, including new construction, renovations, and remodeling, for 3 fiscal years following the violation.

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