



# Ozark School District

## Long Range Planning Criteria

### 1. Safety and Security

In any building project (new or renovation), due diligence will be extended to providing safety and security features that will assist in staff and student response to natural disasters, potential violent acts (secure entry sequence), site parking and circulation, general supervision, and after-hours use.

### 2. Desired Class Size, K-12

In order to accommodate rapid growth, Ozark School District may exceed the desired class sizes. Ozark School District will plan and build to the most desirable class sizes for student/staff success which are:

- K: 18-20
- 1<sup>st</sup>: 20-22
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: 21-23
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>: 23-25
- 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>: 25-27
- 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>: 27-30

### 3. School Sites

Purchase of future school sites and land for both new and existing Ozark school facilities shall be integrated into all future long range plans.

Recommended site sizes are as follows:

- Elementary Schools (550-775 students) 10-15 acres, plus 1 acre for every 100 students = 14-21 acres
- Middle Schools (750-1,000 students) 10-15 acres, plus 1 acre for every 100 students = 14-21 acres
- Junior High Schools (750-1,100 students) 20-30 acres, plus 1 acre for every 100 students = 26-40 acres
- High Schools (1,500-2,000 students) 30-40 acres, plus 1 acre for every 100 students = 40-55 acres

### 4. Special Education

Appropriately designed and equipped special education spaces will be provided at every Ozark school in order to ensure all students have an opportunity to progress nearest their own peer group. High need District programs may be centralized to maximize student success and pool District resources.

### 5. Grade Configuration

In order to accommodate future growth, Ozark will consider a 9th grade Freshman Center attached to the current high school. Ozark will work toward a 9-12 and 7-8 grade configuration.

### 6. Early Childhood

To best accommodate the current Ozark population, a centralized concept to house all Early Childhood Programs will be provided. Programs: Childcare, Preschool, Early Childhood Special Education.

### 7. Modular Classrooms

For educational, financial and numerous safety considerations, modular classrooms, mobiles and/or trailers shall not be considered as a long-term solution to growth in student enrollment or expanded programs in Ozark.

### 8. Grade Configuration

Temporary redistribution of grade levels will be considered in order to facilitate a transition to the most educationally desirable long-term grade configuration for educational effectiveness.

### 9. Partnering for Success

Ozark School District will look for opportunities to partner with other organizations in order to maximize student and staff opportunities and academic success.

Examples:

- Centralized Professional Development Center for staff development
- Higher Education: Maximize opportunities to partner with Colleges + Universities
- Business + Industry: Think outside the box to maximize educational opportunities for students
- Community Partnerships: Enhance facilities and programs to provide broader options

### 10. Grade Configuration

In order to maximize relationships between students, teachers and parents, no Ozark school will have less than two grade levels as part of a long-term facility solution.