

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	2020-2021 STUDENT ENROLLMENT	BUILDING CAPACITY	BUILDING UTILIZATION
General Beadle ES	405	540	75.0%
Black Hawk ES	383	387	99.0%
Canyon Lake ES	357*	302	118.2% (SEE EXH 13)
Grandview ES	359	513	70.0%
Horace Mann ES	265	392	67.6%
Knollwood ES	297	549	54.1%
Meadowbrook ES	468	603	77.6%
Pinedale ES	366	446	82.1%
Rapid Valley ES	502	567	88.5%
Valley View ES	555	617	90.0%
Robbinsdale ES	365	509	71.7%
South Canyon ES	217	315	68.9%
South Park ES	272	374	72.7%
Wilson ES	334	392	85.2%
Corral Drive ES	469	446	105.2%

SUBTOTAL ES 5,614 actual (2020-2021 school year)

**(15 Elementary Schools – only 1 of 15 with utilization considered Inadequate; Total Capacity = 6,952)
Elementary Schools: 1,338 “empty seats” or 80.8% building utilization districtwide.**

514 empty seats in N Rapid	127 empty seats in E Rapid City/Rapid Valley
458 empty seats in S Rapid City	112 empty seats in SW Rapid City
123 empty seats in W Rapid City	4 empty seats in Black Hawk

MIDDLE SCHOOL	2020-2021 STUDENT ENROLLMENT	BUILDING CAPACITY	BUILDING UTILIZATION
East MS	650	881	73.8%
North MS	531	763	69.6%
South MS	593	708	83.8%
West MS	599	664	90.2%
Southwest MS	690	710	97.2%

SUBTOTAL MS 3,063 actual (2020-2021 school year)

**(5 Middle Schools – none with utilization considered Inadequate; Total Capacity = 3,726)
Middle Schools: 663 “empty seats” or 82.2% building utilization districtwide.**

HIGH SCHOOL	2020-2021 STUDENT ENROLLMENT	BUILDING CAPACITY	BUILDING UTILIZATION
Central HS	1,901	2,048	92.8%
Stevens HS	1,737	1,617	107.4%
Rapid City HS	342	757	45.6%

SUBTOTAL HS 4,013 actual (2020-2021 school year)

**(3 High Schools – none with utilization considered Inadequate; Total Capacity = 4,422)
High Schools: 409 “empty seats” or 90.8% building utilization districtwide.**

EXHIBIT 5-4
RAPID CITY AREA SCHOOLS
CURRENT AND PROJECTED UTILIZATION RATES

UTILIZATION	DESCRIPTION
> 110	Inadequate
100 – 109.9	Approaching Inadequate
85 - 99.9	Adequate
70 - 84.99	Approaching Inefficient
< 70	Inefficient

EXHIBIT 13: RAPID CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 51-4 STUDENT ENROLLMENT, CURRENT BUILDING UTILIZATION, AND CAPACITY BY SCHOOL AS OF THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR (ENROLLMENT DATA FROM THE SD DEPT OF EDUCATION; CAPACITY CALCULATIONS FROM 2016 MGT REPORT)

Modular buildings put squeeze on Rapid City students

Rapid City Journal | Christopher Vondracek Journal staff | 12/2/2018

https://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/modular-buildings-put-squeeze-on-rapid-city-students/article_e140c4b7-f896-520e-b367-12f886798b83.html

This fall, a facilities task force has been assembled to provide recommendations later this school year to the board. They've met privately to discuss, among other issues, plans to alleviate crowded schools. A new elementary school could be on the docket when they make public their recommendations. Population bubbles in the southwest and north of Interstate-90 led to overcrowding at some schools this September, forcing the transfer of 111 students.

“We have enough capacity across the district,” said Veluswamy. “But it's not in the right location.”

The 435 students at the Canyon Lake campus technically fit within the classes, but Swank had to move the library to an old gymnasium in the East Canyon Lake building to vacate space for another classroom. Now, kindergarten through first grade are what the school terms "at capacity." They're not the only one. Six schools are over functional capacity. Another five are nearing it. A new building north of the interstate could alleviate crowding in the elementary schools and, potentially if placed correctly, draw down from the **180 students from Canyon Lake who live north of Interstate-90**. That could, Swank said, free up the annexes to be used as overflow for other schools or something different.

Part 1: Overcrowding puts squeeze on Canyon Lake Elementary

Rapid City Journal | Matthew Guerry Journal staff | 4/29/2019

https://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/overcrowding-puts-squeeze-on-canyon-lake-elementary/article_5e38c661-8ecc-5ddd-9929-0c9a35c8ffd4.html

Officials said that **170-plus students who are bused to the school from the city's north side each day** lose out on additional class time because of their long commute.

“If you think about the cognitive capital that kids have at their disposal in a day, they’re spending the first hour of that sitting on a bus. And then they’re going home tired on a bus with 95 other kids,” Swank said. “That creates its own set of issues. I would say 20 percent of our behavior issues are things that take place on the bus.”

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	2020-2021 STUDENT ENROLLMENT	BUILDING CAPACITY	BUILDING UTILIZATION
Canyon Lake ES	357	302	118.2%
Force Transfers to Canyon Lake ES	(170)		
are placed back into North Rapid’s 3 ES	187	302	61.9%

- **514 empty seats currently** in North Rapid’s 3 Elementary Schools
- **329 empty seats remain** after placing the 170+ North Rapid students back into North Rapid’s 3 Elementary Schools

CONCLUSION:

There appears to be no rational reason for transferring 170 plus students from North Rapid’s 3 Elementary Schools to Canyon Lake Elementary School (where approximately 85 students are taught in temporary buildings) when a total of 514 empty seats are currently available in North Rapid’s 3 Elementary Schools (classrooms in permanent buildings) at a much closer geographic locality.

This is called “manufacturing a crisis.”

EXHIBIT 14: FORCED TRANSFERS OF NORTH RAPID STUDENTS TO CANYON LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS OF THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR (ANALYSIS OF PUBLICLY AVAILABLE DATA)