Moses Lake School District Needs to Expand its Early Learning Facility

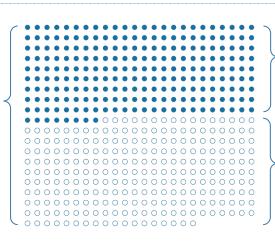
Moses Lake School District (MLSD)

Early Learning needs a facility large enough to serve all children who qualify for our services.

MLSD Early Learning creates an inclusive preschool environment that increases the number of students ready to succeed in kindergarten and beyond. The recent ECEAP Saturation Study found

474

children in the MLSD are eligible for ECEAP or Head Start



But only

47%

are currently served

This means

250

eligible students are not being served

IN WINTER 2022, MLSD EARLY LEARNING HAD 240 STUDENTS:

116 Are eligible for special education and have an Individualized Education Program (IEP)

Participate in the Washington State Early
Childhood Education Assistance Program
(ECEAP)

71 Are typically developing peers

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE DISTRICT







2019

MLSD Early Learning has

5

integrated classrooms where students with disabilities learn along with typically developing peers

2021

MLSD Early Learning has

10

integrated classrooms



CURRENT FACILITY

6 Portables 10 Classrooms

Shared Offices

Fenced Play Area

Facility Needs

- Private office space for director, ECEAP staff, and specialists
- Ampacity and electrical outlets to support the current load
- Equipment and supply storage
- On-site health room
- Larger parking lot

- Staff break and work room
- Indoor recreation space
- Larger playground
- Cafeteria
- Therapy rooms

Facility Expansion Options

Add Portables at Current Location

PROS

Adds 4 classrooms

Adds office space in compliance with privacy and confidentiality laws

Short-term solution

Utilities already established

Creates jobs

CONS

\$900,000+

Not a long-term, permanent solution

Growth, increased capacity is minimal

No cafeteria

Playground space limited to current area.

Use Midway Elementary School and Existing Portables

PROS

Long-term solution

Adds 12 classrooms plus up to 10 classrooms in the existing portables

Provides office space in compliance with privacy and confidentiality laws

Existing playground, library, gym, kitchen

Reduces costs (compared to a new building) with potential for renovations

Utilities already established

Existing janitorial, secretary, and cooking staff remain

Creates jobs

Capacity for Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Transition-K programs

CONS

Would have to wait for redistricting

Existing Midway K-6 Elementary teachers would be relocated

Build A New Facility

PROS

Designed for Early Learning program's specific needs with room for future growth

Can include all facility options, such as gym and cafeteria

Creates jobs

Desirable location

CONS

Cost

Community buy-in is a potential barrier

Land availability

No feasibility study yet