

School Concurrency



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What is public school concurrency?

Ideally, School Concurrency provides coordinated planning among the County, local governments, and the School District to ensure that school capacity is available at the time of impact of residential development.

How will the public be informed about concurrency?

Polk County's local governments and the School Board will be holding public workshops on growth management issues related to schools on Tuesday June 12, 2007 at George Jenkins High and Thursday June 14, 2007 at Haines City High.

Why is public school concurrency necessary?

Polk County's accelerated growth has led to a growing demand for school facilities. The implementation of public school concurrency will result in a cooperative and financially feasible process permitting the School Board to address existing school crowding and to provide adequate capacity for projected new growth.

How will school concurrency be implemented?

To implement school concurrency countywide, all participating entities must first enter into an interlocal agreement.

The second step requires the County and the 17 participating local governments to have consistent Comprehensive Plan amendments.



The third and final step is to incorporate the Comprehensive Plan amendments into the land development code of each participating local government. The interlocal agreement indicates this step must be in place 90 days after the last municipal amendment becomes effective.

When will school concurrency be in effect?

March 2008