

In the Numbers

Secondary Buildings and Classroom Sizes															
Building Size				HMS		NMS		RMS		CR North		CR South			
Building Size	Building sqft			142,272		133,900		85,440		340,000		380,000			
	Classroom Trailers sqft			0		7,776		2,592		0		0			
	Proposed Additions: none														
	Total: Building + Trailers			142,272		141,676		88,032		340,000		380,000			
Classrooms Sizes				HMS		NMS		RMS		North		South			
			Plancon Square Feet	Plancon Capacity											
					#	sqft	#	sqft	#	sqft	#	sqft	#	sqft	
General Classroom	Full Sized Classrooms			>660	25	30	660	8	>900	1	>1000	11	>1000	18	1210
	Full Sized Classrooms			>660	25	2	955	11	>800	3	>900	18	>900	1	1100
	Full Sized Classrooms			>660	25	2	775	20	>660	13	>800	12	>800	1	912
	Full Sized Classrooms			>660	25	1	1088					36	>660	4	864
	Full Sized Classrooms			>660	25	2	1292							51	815
	Full Sized Classrooms			>660	25									10	720
	Medium Classrooms			440 - 660	0					8	<660	19	<660	2	590
	Small Classrooms			200 - 440	0	6	384					7	<440		
	Classroom Trailers			864	0			9	864	3	864				
Total Room Count					43	48	28	103	87						
ENROLLMENT as of April 2011					671	849	425	2137	2062						
Room Counts DO NOT include music, art, shops, IA, Family Consumer Science, or special use rooms.															
HMS = Holland Middle School, NMS = Newtown Middle School, RMS = Richboro Middle School															

The chart above documents CR's secondary building sizes in context with present enrollment. It is also relevant to examining the redistricting that will have more students attend RMS and South. The chart, when put together with enrollment projections, reveals little correlation between the number of classrooms in a building and the number of students who will ultimately be in attendance.

The District redistricted to equalize the enrollment between its largest and smallest middle schools. The largest middle school without trailers is HMS and the smallest is RMS. HMS has 43 classrooms and RMS has 25 classrooms and 3 trailers for a total of 28. Despite this difference, the district has decided to equalize their population by changing the middle school destination of Rolling Hills Elementary students from HMS to RMS. In 2012-13 the district is predicting an enrollment of 532 for its smallest middle school, RMS, and 516 for its largest middle school, HMS.

Trailers are needed at two middle schools and HMS will be below capacity. The recent redistricting does nothing to relieve NMS, the second largest middle school building that is dependent on 9 trailers to accommodate its 849 students. NMS's 9 trailers and the 3 at RMS exacerbate rather than relieve the dependence on 12 middle level trailers. The redistricting of Rolling Hills to RMS will leave the only middle school without trailers (HMS) under-populated.

South has more square footage & North has more classrooms. Although South has more square footage than North, it has 16 fewer classrooms. North has 67 large classrooms, 19 medium and 7 small for a total of 103. South has 85 large classrooms, and 2 medium for a total of 87 instructional spaces. Since South's opening in 2002, its enrollment has been less than North with a current difference of 75.

Redistricting RMS creates a significant high school enrollment gap. In 2012-13, all RMS students will go to South, ending the two high schools near equal enrollment. By September 2012 when all Northampton students will start attending South, South's enrollment is projected to exceed North's. In 2012-13, except for students who still have siblings at North, the six Northampton elementary schools will feed into the two Northampton middle schools (HMS & RMS) and all those students will attend South. With just four elementary schools going to NMS and feeding into North, the gap between South's enrollment and North's will grow every year until the difference between the two schools has been projected to be as much as 400. How this gap will affect course offerings and/or opportunities for high school students is not fully known.

Citizens will be tracking impacts. Citizens For Education will be tracking enrollment numbers and reporting any impacts resulting from redistricting at the secondary level that was approved in 2010-11.