



**GOAL 1:** Develop, operate, and maintain a system of public education by Miami-Dade County Public Schools, in cooperation with the County and other appropriate governmental agencies, which will strive to improve the quality and quantity of public educational facilities available to the citizenry of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

## Objective EDU-1

Work with Miami-Dade County Public Schools towards the reduction of the overcrowding which currently exists in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, while striving to attain an optimum level of service pursuant to Objective EDU-2.

## Monitoring Measure EDU-1

Policies relating to the maintenance and improvement of specific level of service for public educational facilities, as specified in the Educational Facilities Impact Fee Ordinance, shall be reviewed annually. Each year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools will compare the official enrollment of the school system with the number of student stations available to determine the current operating LOS.

**Policy EDU-1A:** Cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools in their efforts to continue to provide new student stations through the Capital Outlay program, in so far as funding is available.

**Policy EDU-1B:** Miami-Dade County shall collect impact fees from new development, with proof given to the Town prior to issuance of building permits, for transfer to Miami-Dade County Public Schools to offset the impacts of these additional students on the capital facilities of the school system.

**Policy EDU-1C:** Cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools in their efforts to develop and implement alternative educational facilities, such as primary learning centers, which can be constructed on small parcels of land and relieve overcrowding at elementary schools, in so far as funding and rules permit.

**Policy EDU-1D:** Cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools in their efforts to provide public school facilities to the students of Cutler Bay, which operate at optimum capacity, in so far as funding available and while taking into account transportation, as well as, other costs and factors. Operational alternatives may be developed and implemented, where appropriate, which mitigate the impacts of overcrowding while maintaining the instructional integrity of the educational program.

**Policy EDU-1E:** Cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools in their efforts to maintain and/or improve the established level of service (LOS), for Public Educational Facilities, as established for the purposes of school concurrency.

**Policy EDU-1F:** Miami-Dade County Public Schools comments shall be sought and considered on comprehensive growth management plan amendments and other land use and zoning decisions, or Development of Regional Impact which could impact the school district, in order to be consistent with the terms of the state mandated Interlocal Agreement pursuant to Sections 1013.33 and 163.31777, Florida Statutes.

**Policy EDU-1G:** In accordance with Section 163.3174(1), Florida Statutes, the School Board of Miami-Dade County shall be invited to appoint a non-voting member to the Town's Local Planning Agency in order to receive comment on applications which could impact the school district.



**Policy EDU-1H:** Capital improvement programming by Miami-Dade Public Schools should be based on future enrollment projections and demographic shifts and targeted to enhance the effectiveness of the learning environment. The future enrollment projections should utilize student population projections based on information produced by the demographic, revenue, and education estimating conferences pursuant to Section 216.136, Florida Statutes, where available, as modified by the School Board based on development data and agreement with the local governments, the State Office of Educational Facilities and the State SMART Schools Clearinghouse. The School Board may request adjustment to the estimating conferences' projections to reflect actual enrollment and development trends. In formulating such a request, the School Board will coordinate with the Cities and County regarding development trends and future population projections.

**Policy EDU-1I:** It is the policy of Cutler Bay that Miami-Dade Public Schools should give priority to the Urban Infill Area (UIA) identified in the Growth Management Plan when allocating resources toward the attainment of the level of service objective for public educational facilities (Objective EDU-1), followed by more recently developed and newly developing areas outside the UIA and within the Urban Development Boundary (UDB).

### Objective EDU-2

**The Town of Cutler Bay shall coordinate new residential development with the future availability of public school facilities consistent with the adopted level of service standards for public school concurrency, to ensure the inclusion of those projects necessary to address existing deficiencies in the 5-year schedule of capital improvements, and meet future needs based upon achieving and maintaining the adopted level of service standards throughout the planning period.**

### Monitoring Measures EDU-2

An annual review of the latest adopted Miami-Dade County Public Schools Facility Work Program will be conducted pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement in order to determine if the adopted concurrency level of service standard (including the Interim LOS standards) is being achieved. The number of development orders approved, those disapproved and those that have achieved LOS standards through mitigation options will also be reviewed. The Town may also request the Work Program in order to monitor progress.

**Policy EDU-2A:** Upon public school concurrency becoming effective, the adopted level of service (LOS) standard for all Miami-Dade County public school facilities is 100% utilization of Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) Capacity (With Relocatable Classrooms). This LOS standard, except for Magnet Schools, shall be applicable in each public school concurrency service area (CSA), defined as the public school attendance boundary established by the Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

The adopted LOS standard for Magnet Schools is 100% of FISH (with relocatable classrooms), which shall be calculated on a districtwide basis.

**Policy EDU-2B:** It is the goal of the Town of Cutler Bay, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Miami-Dade County and the other signatories to the Interlocal Agreement for all public school facilities to achieve 100% utilization of Permanent FISH (No Relocatable Classrooms) capacity by January 1, 2018. To help achieve the desired 100% utilization of Permanent FISH by 2018, Miami-Dade County Public Schools should continue to decrease the number of relocatable classrooms over time. Public school facilities that achieve 100% utilization of Permanent FISH capacity should, to the extent possible, no longer utilize relocatable classrooms, except as an operational solution<sup>2</sup>. Beginning January 1, 2013 Miami-Dade County Public Schools will implement a schedule to eliminate all remaining relocatable classrooms by January 1, 2018.



**Policy EDU-2C:** In the event the adopted LOS standard of a CSA cannot be met as a result of a proposed development's impact, the development may proceed provided at least one of the following conditions is met:

1. The development's impact can be shifted to one or more contiguous CSAs that have available capacity and is located, either in whole or in part, within the same Geographic Areas (Northwest, Northeast, Southeast, or Southwest (See Figure 1 and Figures 1A through 1D) as the proposed development; or
2. The development's impact is mitigated, proportionate to the demand for public schools it created, through a combination of one or more appropriate proportionate share mitigation options, as defined in Section 163.3180 (13)(e)1, Florida Statutes. The intent of these options is to provide for the mitigation of residential development impacts on public school facilities, guaranteed by a legal binding agreement, through mechanisms that include, one or more of the following: contribution of land; the construction, expansion, or payment for land acquisition or construction of a permanent public school facility in exchange for the right to sell capacity credits. The proportionate share mitigation agreement, is subject to approval by Miami-Dade County School Board and Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and must be identified in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Facilities Work Program; or
3. The development's impacts are phased to occur when sufficient capacity will be available.

If none of the above conditions is met, the development shall not be approved.

**Policy EDU-2D:** Concurrency Service Areas (CSA) shall be delineated to: 1) maximize capacity utilization of the facility; 2) limit maximum travel times and reduce transportation costs, 3) acknowledge the effect of court-approved desegregation plans; 4) achieve socio-economic, racial, cultural and diversity objectives, and 5) achieve other relevant objectives as determined by the School Board's policy on maximization of capacity. Periodic adjustments to the boundary or area of a CSA may be made by the School Board to achieve the above stated factors. Other potential amendments or updates to the CSAs shall be considered annually at the Staff Working Group meeting to take place each year no later than April 30 or October 31, consistent with Section 9 of the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning.

**Policy EDU-2E:** The County through the implementation of the concurrency management system and Miami-Dade County Public School Facilities Work Program for educational facilities, shall ensure that existing deficiencies are addressed and the capacity of schools is sufficient to support residential development at the adopted level of service (LOS) standards throughout the planning period in the 5-year schedule of capital improvements.

**Policy EDU-2F:** The Miami-Dade County Public Schools Facilities Work Program as it is periodically updated, will be evaluated on an annual basis to ensure that the level of service standards will continue to be achieved and maintained throughout the planning period.

**Policy EDU-2G:** At a minimum, the Town in conjunction with Miami-Dade County Public Schools shall adopt the annual updates, adding a fifth year, to the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Facilities Work Plan, update the financially feasible schools capital facilities work program, and coordinate capital facilities with the Work Program. Additionally, the Town shall coordinate its Growth Management Plan with the Plans of other local governments.

**Policy EDU-2H:** The Town shall adopt as an annual update to the Growth Management Plan updates to the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Facilities Work Program.



### Objective EDU-3

**Obtain suitable sites for the development and expansion of public education facilities.**

### Monitoring Measures EDU-3

Objective EDU-3 will be monitored through the annual inventory and assessment by Miami-Dade County Public Schools of School Board owned property. The number of new sites shall be reported annually and in the full review period reported in the EAR.

**Policy EDU-3A:** It is the policy of Cutler Bay that Miami-Dade County Public Schools shall not purchase sites for schools nor build new schools outside of the Urban Development Boundary (UDB), and that new elementary schools constructed should be located at least 1/4 mile inside the UDB; new middle schools should be located at least 1/2 mile inside the UDB, and; new senior high schools should be located at least one mile inside the UDB. In substantially developed areas of the County where suitable sites in full conformance with the foregoing are not available and a site or portion of a site for a new school must encroach closer to the UDB, the majority of the site should conform with the foregoing location criteria and the principal school buildings and entrances should be placed as far as functionally practical from the UDB. The same criteria of this paragraph that apply to public schools also pertain to private schools.

**Policy EDU-3B:** In the selection of sites for future educational facility development, the Town of Cutler Bay encourages Miami-Dade County Public Schools to consider whether a school is in close proximity to residential areas and is in a location that would provide a logical focal point for community activities.

**Policy EDU-3C:** Where possible, Miami-Dade County Public Schools should seek sites which are adjacent to existing or planned public recreation areas, community centers, libraries, or other compatible civic uses for the purpose of encouraging joint use facilities or the creation of logical focal points for community activity.

**Policy EDU-3D:** The Town of Cutler Bay acknowledges and concurs that, when selecting a site, Miami-Dade County Public Schools will consider if the site meets the minimum size criteria as recommended by the State Department of Education or as determined to be necessary for an effective educational environment.

**Policy EDU-3E:** When considering a site for possible use as an educational facility, Miami-Dade County Public Schools should review the adequacy and proximity of other public facilities and services necessary to the site such as roadway access, transportation, fire flow and portable water, sanitary sewers, drainage, solid waste, police and fire services, and means by which to assure safe access to schools, including sidewalks, bicycle paths, turn lanes, and signalization.

**Policy EDU-3F:** When considering a site for possible use as an educational facility Miami-Dade County Public Schools should consider whether the present and projected surrounding land uses are compatible with the operation of an educational facility.

**Policy EDU-3G:** The Town of Cutler Bay shall encourage and cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools in their effort for public school siting reviews to help accomplish the objectives and policies of this element and other elements of the Growth Management Plan. The Town shall cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools to establish provisions for a scoping or pre-application meeting as part of the educational facilities review process, if determined to be warranted.



**Policy EDU-3H:** Permitting of school facilities for Miami-Dade County Public Schools requires that a building permit application be made to the Miami-Dade County Public School Building Official prior to commencing any work, regardless of cost.

**Policy EDU-3I:** The Town will continue to cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools in utilizing Miami-Dade County Public Schools as emergency shelters during county emergencies.

## Objective EDU-4

**Miami-Dade County Public Schools, in conjunction with the Town, Miami-Dade County and other appropriate agencies, will strive to improve security and safety for students and staff.**

## Monitoring Measures EDU-4

Objective EDU-4 will be monitored through the review and analysis of the statistics relating to school safety, as compiled annually, by the MDCPS Division of Police. A review and analysis of new and existing reactive and proactive safety and crime prevention programs will also be conducted on an annual basis.

**Policy EDU-4A:** Continue to cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools to develop and/or implement programs and policies designed to reduce the incidence of violence, weapons and vandalism on school campuses. Encourage the design of facilities, which do not encourage criminal behavior and provide clear sight lines from the street.

**Policy EDU-4B:** Continue to cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools to develop and/or implement programs and policies designed to reduce the number of incidents related to hazardous conditions as reported by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the fire marshal, the State Department of Education (DOE), and other appropriate sources.

**Policy EDU-4C:** Continue to cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools to provide for the availability of alternative programs for at-risk students at appropriate public educational facilities.

**Policy EDU-4D:** Coordinate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Miami-Dade County and municipalities to provide for pedestrian and traffic safety in the area of schools, and signalization for educational facilities.

**Policy EDU-4E:** Coordinate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools Division of School Police and other law enforcement agencies, where appropriate, to improve and provide for a secure learning environment in the public schools and their vicinity.

**Policy EDU-4F:** Cooperate with Miami-Dade County Schools Division of School Police and other law enforcement agencies to provide additional support or security, when appropriate.



### Objective EDU-5

Continue to develop programs and opportunities to bring the schools and community closer together.

#### Monitoring Measures EDU-5

Objective EDU-5 shall be monitored by Miami-Dade County Public Schools by reporting and reviewing the progress and number of new and existing community oriented programs, including an enrollment analysis, by age and ethnicity, of adult, community and vocational programs.

**Policy EDU-5A:** Cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools in their efforts to provide “full service” schools, parent resource centers, adult and community schools and programs as appropriate.

**Policy EDU-5B:** Cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools in their efforts to continue to provide opportunities for community and business leaders to serve on committees and task forces, which relate to the development of improved provision of public educational facilities.

**Policy EDU-5C:** Cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools to continue to work with the development industry to encourage partnerships in the provision of sites and educational facilities including early childhood centers.

**Policy EDU-5D:** Cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools through agreement with appropriate agencies to increase medical, psychological, and social services for children and their families as appropriate.

### Objective EDU-6

Miami-Dade County Public Schools will continue to enhance effectiveness of the learning environment.

#### Monitoring Measures EDU-6

Objective EDU-6 shall be monitored by Miami-Dade County Public Schools by reporting the number of educational facility enhancements such as media centers, art/music suite, and science laboratories.

**Policy EDU-6A:** Miami-Dade County Public Schools is encouraged to continue the design and construction of educational facilities which create the perception of feeling welcome, secure and positive about the students' school environment and experiences.

**Policy EDU-6B:** Miami-Dade County Public Schools is encouraged to continue to design and construct facilities which better provide student access to technology designed to improve learning, such as updated media centers and science laboratories.

**Policy EDU-6C:** Miami-Dade County Public Schools is encouraged to continue to improve existing educational facilities, in so far as funding is available, through renovation and expansion to better accommodate increasing enrollment, new educational programs and other activities, both curricular and extra-curricular.



## Objective EDU-7

**The Town of Cutler Bay, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Miami-Dade County and the other signatories to the Interlocal Agreement shall establish and implement mechanisms for on-going coordination and communication, to ensure the adequate provision of public educational facilities.**

### Monitoring Measures EDU-7

Objective EDU-7 will be addressed by implementing and tracking the development of appropriate mechanisms, including interlocal agreements and coordination efforts, which serve to expedite the provision or enhancement of public educational facilities.

**Policy EDU-7A:** The Town shall coordinate and cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the State of Florida, Miami-Dade County and other municipalities and other appropriate agencies to develop or modify rules and regulations in order to simplify and expedite proposed new educational facility developments and renovations.

**Policy EDU-7B:** The location of future educational facilities should occur where capacity of other public facilities and services is available to accommodate the infrastructure needs of the educational facility.

**Policy EDU-7C:** Miami-Dade County Public Schools should coordinate school capital improvement plans with the planned capital improvement projects of the Town and other County and municipal agencies.

**Policy EDU-7D:** The Town shall cooperate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools in their efforts to ensure that they are not obligated to pay for off-site infrastructure in excess of their fair share of the costs.

**Policy EDU-7E:** The Town, the County, other municipalities and Miami-Dade Public Schools shall periodically review the Educational Facilities Impact Fee Ordinance to strive to ensure that the full eligible capital costs associated with the development of public school capacity (new schools and expansion of existing ones) are identified when updating the impact fee structure. Pursuant to the terms of the state mandated Interlocal Agreement, the Town, other municipalities, the County and School Board shall annually review the Ordinance, its formula, the Educational Facilities Impact Fee methodology and technical report, in order to make recommendations for revisions to the Board of County Commissioners and the Miami-Dade County School Board.

**Policy EDU-7F:** The Town, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Miami-Dade County and other municipalities will annually review the Educational Element and make amendments, if necessary, through the process of updating the Growth Management Plan and will coordinate the annual review of enrollment projections and follow procedures for the annual update process in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning.

**Policy EDU-7G:** The Town shall seek to coordinate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools in formalizing criteria for appropriate sharing of responsibility for required off-site facility improvements attributable to construction of new public schools or expansion of existing ones. The criteria should be prepared prior to the next full review of the School Impact Fee Ordinance.

**Policy EDU-7H:** The Town shall coordinate with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the County and other local governments to eliminate infrastructure deficiencies surrounding existing school sites.



## EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES ELEMENT

**Policy EDU-7I:** The Town and Miami-Dade County Public Schools shall coordinate efforts to ensure the availability of adequate sites for the required educational facilities.

**Policy EDU-7J:** The Town and Miami-Dade County Public Schools shall coordinate the appropriate roles and responsibilities of affected governmental jurisdictions in ensuring the timely, orderly and efficient provision of adequate educational facilities.

**Policy EDU-7K:** The Town, where appropriate, will account for the infrastructure needs of new, planned or expanded educational facilities when formulating and implementing its own capital improvement plans.