

Preparation of a Five-Year Facilities Master Plan 2022-2027 for Rio Rancho Public Schools, Rio Rancho, New Mexico

In 2021, Rio Rancho Public Schools (RRPS) tasked ARC to complete a five-year facilities master plan (FMP) for the district.

The RRPS district covers an area of 146 square miles. Of New Mexico's 89 school districts, RRPS is the third smallest in land area and the third largest in student population. The district enrolled 17,342 students during the 2021-22 academic year, including preschool students.

The district maintains 28 sites and more than 2.6 million gross square feet of facilities, with one preschool, 11 elementary schools, four middle schools, two high schools, three alternative schools, and six district facilities.

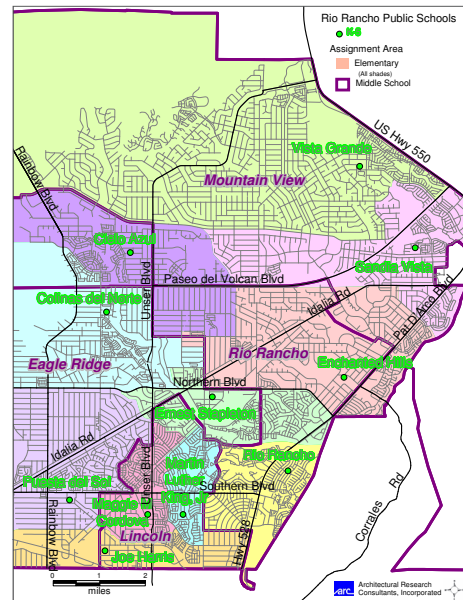
ARC's evaluators conducted a comprehensive assessment to address the condition of the facilities and their ability to meet state and district facility standards, accommodate existing and projected enrollments, and serve programmatic needs. ARC identified \$378.7 million in capital needs. The district estimates that if its next bond passes, it will fund approximately \$70 million, or 19%, of the total capital needed.

District priorities include reducing or eliminating drainage and erosion problems (using regrading, improved landscaping, retaining walls, retention ponds, etc.), providing security and fire suppression upgrades, and reducing the use of portable classrooms. Career Technical Education (CTE) plans to move to a dedicated facility, and RRPS anticipates renovations for the new site during the current and next bond cycle. The district sees a vocational training high school as necessary for future contributions to the community, and as a way to develop non-college pathways for its student.

Client: Rio Rancho Public Schools

Completion: 2022

Below: Rio Rancho Public Schools assignment area feeder map



Below: Rio Rancho Public Schools FMP report cover



Right: Rio Rancho Elementary School

