



## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 (CENTRAL OKANAGAN)

### LONG-TERM FACILITY PLAN

#### SCHOOL CAPACITIES

##### **Nominal Capacity**

Under Ministry of Education guidelines, nominal capacity represents the student capacity of a school based on the following number of students per instructional space:

Nominal Capacities	
Kindergarten Classrooms	20
Primary Classrooms	25
Intermediate Classrooms	25
Secondary Classrooms	25

All Capital Plan submissions and allowable space standards for designing new schools or additions are based on nominal capacity.

##### **Operating Capacity**

The operating capacity of a school is determined by adjusting the nominal capacity to reflect differing grade structures and class sizes. The operating capacity and nominal capacity will likely be the same for most middle and secondary schools.

Operating Capacities	
Kindergarten Classrooms	19
Primary Classrooms	21
Intermediate Classrooms	25
Secondary Classrooms	25

All nominal and operating capacities calculated for an existing school must be agreed to by the Ministry. Adjustments were made to all School District No. 23 elementary school capacities and approved by the Ministry of Education in the Spring of 2012. These recent adjustments reflect the change to full day kindergarten and the recognition of supported space for StrongStart Programs.

The Ministry's designated nominal and operating capacity is used to make comparisons across the province, and is not a mandated or maximum capacity. School boards determine their own preferred school sizes, based on local decisions, subject to the limits established by the *School Act*.

See Appendix C - Inventory of School Facility and Capacities