

Accessibility to District Facilities

Building Section 504/ADA Compliance Officers ("Building Compliance Officer(s)"), along with the District Section 504/ADA Compliance Officer(s) ("District Compliance Officer(s)"), are responsible for making sure interested persons (e.g., staff, students, applicants, participants, members of the public), including persons with impaired vision or hearing, can obtain information and access, as to the existence and location of services, activities, and facilities that are accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities. This mandate includes the need for communications with disabled persons that is as effective as communications with nondisabled persons. As such, the District shall furnish appropriate auxiliary aids and services where necessary to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in, and enjoy the benefits of, a service, program or activity conducted by the School Board. The type of auxiliary aid or service necessary to enable effective communication will vary in accordance with the length and complexity of the communication involved.

Administrators are responsible for verifying that interested persons, including persons with impaired vision or hearing, can obtain information as to the existence and location of accessible services, activities and facilities. Additionally, administrators are directed to verify that proper signage is present at all inaccessible entrances to their facilities, directing users to an accessible entrance or to a location at which they can obtain information about accessible facilities. The international symbol for accessibility should be used at each accessible entrance to a facility.

With regard to accessibility of facilities, the District will meet its obligations through such means as redesign of equipment, reassignment of classes or other services to accessible buildings, assignment of aides to beneficiaries, alteration of existing facilities and/or construction of new facilities, or any other method that results in making its programs and activities accessible to persons with disabilities. In choosing among available methods for meeting its obligations, the District will serve persons with disabilities in the most integrated setting appropriate.

Charlotte County Public Schools makes every effort to ensure that all facilities meet ADA accessibility standards as outlined in School Board Policies [9160](#), [9160.01](#), [2260](#), and [2260.01](#) and is in compliance with the regulations implementing Section 504, at *34 C.F.R. §§ 104.4 and 104.21-104.23* and those implementing Title II, at *28 C.F.R. §§ 35.130, 35.149, 35.150, and 35.151*. All schools are equipped with automatic door opening hardware at the designated main entrance to the campus.

It is extremely important that these doors remain unlocked and fully accessible during all times that school is open to students and the public.

Should you notice any mechanical issue with the doors, please call the Maintenance and Operations (M&O) department immediately and follow up with a work order. The M&O team will respond within 24 hours to trouble shoot and make all necessary repairs.