

Suitability Recommendations for Rilke Schule Building October, 2009

In looking to the future, beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, the Rilke Schule Academic Policy Committee is seeking a building for Rilke Schule that most closely meets the following criteria. The board recognizes two levels of criteria, tier one (most essential) and tier 2.

Tier 1 Criteria:

- Compliance with all state, municipal and school district E occupancy requirements
- Minimum 30,000 square feet
- Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, we anticipate needing 15 functioning classrooms, including, one for art and one for music if we adopt Model A in the accompanying table for school growth. Each subsequent year we will likely need additional classrooms as shown in the accompanying table. We anticipate needing 18 or 19 classrooms by the time the school reaches its full enrollment.
- Minimum classroom size should accommodate 35 square ft per child for grades K & 1 and 30 sq ft per child for older grades. The modeled numbers of students per class are shown on the accompanying table.
- Classroom aspect ratio should not be greater than 2:1.
- Indoor Gymnasium/Multipurpose room, 4000 sq ft with high ceilings
- Library space
- 2 Outdoor play spaces – one suitable for a playground and a second non-asphalt surface for a sport playing field
- Sufficient parking space for staff and regular events (30 dedicated staff parking spots, 100 community parking spots)
- Traffic flow drop-off and pick up with more than one egress and ingress.
- Administrative and special office space including: Principal's office, Admin Ass't Office, Nurses Office (with sink and toilet), Special Ed/Eval/Other Offices (4), Small Conference/Meeting Room, Teachers work room, Teachers Lounge
- Dedicated bathroom in or close to Kindergarten classrooms
- Dedicated faculty bathroom on each floor
- Computer accessibility for staff and students
- Wiring for phone system, and ability to get service from a carrier.
- Industrial sink in Art room.
- Building lease falls within our budget

Tier 2 Criteria:

- 35,000 – 40,000 square feet preferred
- Minimum classroom size would ideally accommodate 40 square ft per child for grades K & 1 and 35 sq ft per child for older grades.
- Kitchen with cooking facilities
- Dedicated bathroom in or close to First grade classrooms

- A ratio of toilets and washbasins to building-users of 1: 12-15, (greater than current)
- Intercom system
- Sink (lavatory) in each classroom
- Material storage
- RSV (PTO) Office
- Intangible benefits such as location, neighborhood, and aesthetics as deemed desirable by the APC.

School Size:

If the school admits 44 Kindergarten students in subsequent years, the school will likely grow to around 360 students (Model A). Our attrition rate is unknown but assumed to be fairly small. Our aim is to maintain sufficient class size in the older grades to provide for a large enough graduating class that there will be support at the High School level for advanced classes in German for these students. If attrition proves to be smaller or larger than expected, we may adjust the incoming kindergarten sizes to keep student numbers stable.

The addition of a German preschool would be desirable, but it may be more practical to have this at a separate facility near the school instead of at the school property.