



Salem Middle Fact Sheet

Objective: New Middle School using the Wakefield Middle prototype, opening Aug. 2003.

Budget Source: Plan 2000 provided an initial total project budget of \$21,093,376. The final budget was \$17,038,937 due mainly to the favorable bid climate at that time.

Schedule: Opened for students August 2003. The 20th day membership this year is 1050 students.

Design

In 1999, WCPSS purchased approximately 65 acres at \$30,000 per acre. This acreage was to be used for both Salem Elementary and Salem Middle. Subsequently, 12 acres were deeded to the County. The acreage for Salem Middle is 35. The campus contains ballfields that were jointly developed with Apex and Wake County Parks and Recreation.

Cherry Huffman Architects, PA is the design consultant. The school has 57 teaching spaces and a capacity of 903. The Board of Education has approved a larger middle school with a traditional capacity of 1311 (1623 year round) for CIP 2006.

The 160,000 SF building bid on 12/4/01 for \$13,933,000 which was \$77.83/SF for the building and \$9.26/SF for the site development. Some of the site grading and infrastructure were done when Salem Elementary was constructed and therefore the site development costs were less for the middle school.

Salem Middle will be converted to a year round middle school for 2007-2008. After conversion, the capacity will increase to 1215 students.

Construction

Blair Construction Company was the single-prime general contractor for the project. Notice to Proceed was January 2, 2002. This is the fourth use of the building design. The original use was at Wakefield Middle which opened in 1999. This design was also used at Reedy Creek Middle and Holly Ridge Middle although both of those were tilt-up construction. Road widening and turning lanes were provided with the construction of Salem Elementary school.