

Portable Classroom Language

Definitions:

A “*portable classroom*” or “*portable building*” is defined as a temporary structure that is intended to be used as a classroom or other purpose related to education, is moveable and bears the “SREF/School” insignia of the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR), including a data plate as defined in 61-41.030 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). Building construction standards for “factory-built school buildings” (aka portable classrooms) are defined in Chapter 553 of the Florida Statutes (F.S.).

“*Temporary*,” as it applies to portable classrooms and buildings, shall be defined both in time and capacity. Portables shall not be permitted on site longer than one year (12 months) unless an extension is granted by the DRC. Additionally, no more than three (3) portables shall be allowed on-site at any one given time. It is anticipated that at the time a third portable is placed on the property that construction of a physical building/classroom shall take place within one year (12 months).

Provisions for Extensions:

A request for extension for the use of portables longer than one year shall be made in writing to the Development Review Committee (DRC). A hardship letter explaining the circumstances behind the request shall be submitted to the DRC at least one month prior to the expiration of the one year (12 months) timeframe for portable use and shall be placed on the first available agenda for review. Extensions shall only be granted for one additional year (12 months) at a time. No provisions shall be granted for expanding the number of portables allowed on-site, above the three allowed at any one given time.

Review Process for Portable Classrooms/Buildings:

Portable classrooms/buildings shall be reviewed and approved through the County’s Administrative Streamlined Application Process (ASAP), which shall include a concurrent Environmental Management Permit (EMP) application.

A Building Permit application for the portable classroom/building may also be submitted for review concurrently with the ASAP application, although the permit would not be issued until ASAP approval is granted. The Building Permit application shall include two sets of building plans for the structure approved by DBPR with third party approval. The portable classroom/structure shall bear the “SREF/School” insignia of the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) and include a data plate that as defined in 61-41.030 of the F.A.C. ADA accessibility, including but not limited to ramps and accessible routes, for a portable classroom/buildings must also be in compliance with the Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction.