

Section 10: Portables

In 2011, a new approach to portable and portapak management was established at HWDSB. The Portable Allocation Process provides the framework for making use of, and reducing the reliance of temporary accommodation. The result of the process is decreased operating expenses, eliminating old portables in need of repair and ensured equitable allocation of temporary classrooms across the system. The process helps ensure that schools who have temporary accommodation are utilizing the built space to its maximum capacity before using portables. If the built space is deemed sufficient then the portables are to be moved, locked or demolished depending on the condition.

There are three different types of temporary accommodation. There are portables, portapaks and relocatable classroom modules (RCM). A portable is an individual transportable classroom that is independent from the school. A portapak and RCM are larger spaces configured for instructional use.

There are significant costs associated with the purchase, maintenance and relocation of portables. The purchase price of a portable is approximately \$75,000, while the cost of moving a portable is approximately \$40,000. Annual operating cost of a portable is approximately \$20,000 which includes heating, cooling, electricity, regular cleaning, and maintenance and capital costs. The demolition costs for a portable is roughly \$7,500 and is strongly recommended for portables in poor condition which cannot be sold.

Since 2010/11, HWDSB has reduced its portable count from 248 to 153 in 2016/17. Please see the chart below which breaks down the number of portables and portapaks from 2010/11 to 2016/17.

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Portables	148	143	114	111	106	108	97
Portapaks/RCM	100	90	77	72	56	62	56
Total	248	233	191	183	162	170	153

Portables will be used to aid in short term accommodation pressures. School's enrolment can fluctuate year to year which may cause a need for temporary accommodation. Portables will be allocated to schools based on year to year needs. Portapaks will only be issued to schools with significant long term enrolment pressure with no accommodation relief in the near future. Accommodation relief can be in the form of a boundary change, program change or new school. In the case where these three solutions are not viable then a portapak will be considered and will only be issued to schools with long term need.

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Portable Inventory as of May 2017

Elementary School	Portables	Portapaks
AM Cunningham	4	
Ancaster Meadow	12	
Bellmoore	6	6
Billy Green	8	
C.B. Stirling		6
C.H. Bray	2	6
Central	2	
Chedoke	3	
Fessenden	6	
Flamb. Centre		6
Franklin Road	2	
Gatestone	1	
Glen Echo	3	
Guy Brown	3	
Helen Detwiler		6
Huntington Park		6
Janet Lee	2	
Lake Ave	2	
Lawfield	5	
Memorial (SC)	1	
Mount Albion		4
Mount Hope	2	
Mountain View		6
Norwood Park	3	
R.A. Riddell*	4	
Ray Lewis	2	
Ridgemount	2	
Ryerson	4	
Tapleystown	2	
Templemead	2	
Winona	1	6
Yorkview		4
Total	84	56

*RA Riddell 4th portable is owned by day care

Secondary School	Portables	Portapaks
Saltfleet	3	
Westmount	8	
Total	11	0

Administration Building	Portables	Portapaks
Vincent Massey	2	
Total	2	0

Grand Total	Portables	Portapaks
Total	97	56