

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY



WHAT WE DO

The School Construction Authority (SCA) is accountable for new school construction and major renovations to existing schools. SCA is responsible for all capital planning, budgeting, designing, and construction. The Authority manages the development and implementation of the Department of Education's, (DOE), also referred to as New York City Public Schools (NYCPS), Five-Year Capital Plan, identifies and acquires sites for new schools, leases buildings for schools, designs and constructs new facilities, and performs repairs and enhancements of the existing portfolio.

FOCUS ON EQUITY

SCA is committed to designing and constructing safe, attractive, and environmentally sound public schools for children throughout all the City's communities. SCA has set its priorities, including reducing overcrowding, upgrading schools, and improving access to technology, to reflect this commitment. The Fiscal 2025–2029 Five-Year Capital Plan provides funding for tens of thousands of new seats in areas with current over-utilization and projected enrollment growth, as well as to reduce the reliance on temporary structures. Furthermore, the Capital Plan calls for much needed improvements for aging infrastructure as well as enhancements to ensure more equitable access by all children throughout the five boroughs.

OUR SERVICES AND GOALS

SERVICE 1 Design and construct new schools, additions and capital improvement projects authorized by the Department of Education.

- Goal 1a Produce the number of new school seats authorized by the Department of Education's Five-Year Capital Plan.
- Goal 1b Achieve cost efficiencies in construction.
- Goal 1c Increase the number of capital improvement projects completed on schedule and within budget.
- Goal 1d Ensure project safety and quality.

HOW WE PERFORMED

- The percentage of capital improvement projects constructed on time or early decreased from 50 percent in the first four months of Fiscal 2026 to 42 percent in the same period in Fiscal 2025. From the first four months of Fiscal 2025 to the first four months of Fiscal 2026, the percentage of capital improvement projects constructed within budget decreased from 87 percent to 79 percent, just below the 80 percent target.

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Goal 1a

Produce the number of new school seats authorized by the Department of Education's Five-Year Capital Plan.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY25	FY26
Total new seats created	6,532	11,270	6,632	4,764	4,764	NA	NA
★ New schools constructed	23	14	7	6	9	NA	NA
★ New additions constructed	2	10	4	4	1	NA	NA
★ Critical Indicator 🌟 Equity Indicator "NA" Not Available ⬆️⬆️ Directional Target * None							

Goal 1b

Achieve cost efficiencies in construction.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY25	FY26
★ Construction bid price for school capacity projects per square foot (\$)	\$912	\$894	\$870	\$900	\$900	NA	NA
Average new school construction cost per square foot – Elementary (\$)	\$875	\$834	\$1,017	*	*	NA	NA
– Intermediate (\$)	\$813	\$725	NA	*	*	NA	NA
– High school (\$)	\$846	NA	\$621	*	*	NA	NA
★ Critical Indicator 🌟 Equity Indicator "NA" Not Available ⬆️⬆️ Directional Target * None							

Goal 1c

Increase the number of capital improvement projects completed on schedule and within budget.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY25	FY26
New schools and additions – Construction funds committed as a percent of initial authorized budget (%)	95.4%	92.3%	96.2%	100.0%	100.0%	NA	NA
★ Scheduled new seats constructed on time (%)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	NA	NA
★ Capital improvement projects constructed on time or early (%)	31%	43%	53%	60%	60%	50%	42%
★ Capital improvement projects constructed within budget (%)	77%	78%	82%	80%	80%	87%	79%
★ Critical Indicator 🌟 Equity Indicator "NA" Not Available ⬆️⬆️ Directional Target * None							

Goal 1d

Ensure project safety and quality.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY25	FY26
★ Ultimate cost of insurance losses (as % of construction value) (CY)	8.71%	7.39%	6.75%	⬇️	⬇️	NA	NA
★ Critical Indicator 🌟 Equity Indicator "NA" Not Available ⬆️⬆️ Directional Target * None							

AGENCY RESOURCES

Resource Indicators	Actual ¹			Sept. 2025 MMR Plan	Updated Plan	Plan	4-Month Actual	
	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY26 ²	FY27 ²	FY25	FY26
Personnel	883	947	1,059	1,059	1,059	1,059	943	965
Capital commitments (\$000,000)	\$4,654.4	\$3,990.8	\$3,602.7	\$5,616.3	\$5,616.3	\$4,304.7	\$1,022.9	\$585.2
¹ SCA Actual Commitments. ² February 2026 Financial Plan. "NA" - Not Available								

NOTEWORTHY CHANGES, ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

- Previously published Fiscal 2026 targets for indicators in Goal 1a were adjusted based on updates to NYCPS’ 2025–2029 Five-Year Capital Plan. The target for ‘New schools constructed’ was revised from seven to six and the target for ‘Total new seats created’ was revised from 4,624 to 4,764.
- The indicator ‘Total new seats created’ in Goal 1a will be reported annually going forward since all new seats are scheduled to open at the beginning of the school year in September. The full fiscal year figure will be reported in the Mayor’s Management Report and reflects the number of seats which are expected to open at the beginning of the upcoming school year.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For additional information visit:

- SCA’s 2025–2029 Five-Year Capital Plan:
<https://www.nycsca.org/Community/Capital-Plan-Reports-Data#Capital-Plan-67>

For more information on the agency, please visit: www.nycsca.org.