

# Education



## What is the Education Element?

The Education Element describes how Wellington, through its partnerships with the School District of Palm Beach County, local private education providers, cultural organizations, and local business partners, supports high quality educational opportunities and services for residents of all ages. Establishes priorities for effective collaboration with local education partners that reflect a shared commitment to educational excellence in programs and facilities.

Wellington recognizes lifelong learning opportunities are important for all segments of the population and strives to offer both formal and informal learning opportunities to maintain a high quality of life for its residents. A wide variety of lifelong learning opportunities are available within the Village, offered by public, private, and cultural organizations. These partnerships enrich the community and will continue to be part of the Wellington's educational strategy.

## EDUCATION GOALS

<b>GOAL EDU 1</b>	<b>EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES AND FACILITIES</b> Maintain a superior quality of life and family-focus by continuing to work with the school district to provide school facilities are community-focused with state-of-the-art educational materials, technology, and extracurricular activities within safe and well-planned facilities.
	<b>EXTRACURRICULAR AND LIFELONG LEARNING INITIATIVES</b> Support extracurricular education and lifelong learning initiatives for residents of all ages.
	<b>PUBLIC SCHOOL COORDINATED PLANNING</b> Coordinate with the School District of Palm Beach County and other local governments for the planning of public educational facilities consistent with the "interlocal agreement for coordinated planning."



**GOAL ED 1  
EDUCATION AND QUALITY OF LIFE**

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*[Revised ED Goal 1.0]*

**Objective ED 1.1  
Education Enhancements**

Explore alternatives from Federal, State, and private entities to enhance the educational experience in Wellington through partnerships, innovative funding sources such as grants, or pilot/trial programs that might be implemented through government entities, non-profit organizations or educational foundations.

*[Revised ED Objective 1.5]*

**Policy ED 1.1.1  
Community Schools**

Work with the Palm Beach County School District to ensure that students can attend community schools, wherever possible.

*[Revised ED Policy 1.4.4]*

**Policy ED 1.1.2  
Education Opportunities**

Investigate all options available to improve and expand local education opportunities.

*[Revised ED Policy 1.5.1]*

**Policy ED 1.1.3  
Head Start Program**

Encourage Federal efforts such as a Head Start Program, implemented through Palm Beach County that could benefit the students in Wellington.

*[Revised ED Policy 1.5.2]*

**Policy ED 1.1.4  
Funding Opportunities**

Explore partnerships and funding opportunities to improve educational opportunities in Wellington.

*[Revised ED Objective 1.5]*



**Policy ED 1.1.5  
Grant Programs**

Encourage working relationships between the individual educational facilities in Wellington to research and investigate obtaining grants for programs tailored to the individual facilities that could be environmentally, scientifically, or culturally/artistically based.

*[Revised ED Policy 1.5.3]*

**Policy ED 1.1.6  
Lifelong Learning Opportunities**

Develop recreation programming which supports the goal of providing all its citizens with lifelong learning opportunities through enhanced cultural enrichment programs.

*[Revised ED Policy 1.6.5]*

**Objective ED 1.2  
School Activity Monitoring**

Monitor all activities of public schools and the Palm Beach County School District which impact Wellington through the Education Committee.

*[Revised ED Objective 1.2]*

**Policy ED 1.2.1  
Monitoring Education Policies**

Continue to monitor Federal and State legislative actions as well as School Board activities and policies for educational efforts and programming impacting local schools and educational initiatives.

*[Revised ED Objective 1.5]*

**Policy ED 1.2.2  
Education Legislation Monitoring**

Monitor education legislation to remain aware of any opportunities that may be created to enhance educational opportunities within the community and advocate with local State Representatives and Senators, as directed.

*[Revised ED Policy 1.5.4]*

**Policy ED 1.2.3  
Boundary Changes**

Coordinate with the School District on issues pertaining to racial balance and school facilities equity resulting from boundary changes.

*[Revised ED Policy 1.2.2]*



**Objective ED 1.3  
School Development Coordination**

To the extent allowed by the School District of Palm Beach County, participate in the planning and development process of new schools and modifications to existing schools.

*[Revised ED Objective 1.4]*

**Policy ED 1.3.1  
School Siting – Zoning**

Allow school sites in residential, commercial, flex, and institutional zoning districts subject to appropriate locational criteria and site development conditions.

*[Revised ED Policy 1.1.1]*

**Policy ED 1.3.2  
School Siting Review/Permit Process**

Evaluate and amend the permitting and development review process where appropriate to accelerate the provision of new schools that serve the Wellington area.

*[Revised ED Policy 1.4.7]*

**Objective ED 1.4  
Community Facilities Utilization**

Promote an approach to education that utilizes community facilities such as parks, libraries, recreational facilities, and community centers to provide connections throughout the community.

*[Revised ED Objective 1.6]*

**Policy ED 1.4.1  
Facility Joint Use**

Encourage the joint use of elementary and secondary educational and ancillary facilities.

*[Revised ED Policy 1.6.1]*

**Policy ED 1.4.2  
Diversified Educational Facilities**

Encourage the location and development of facilities such as university campuses, testing centers, private educational facilities, satellite educational programs, magnet facilities, charter schools, teaching universities, and technical centers that will enhance the educational opportunities in Wellington for children and adults alike.

*[Revised ED Policy 1.6.4]*



**GOAL ED 2**  
**EXTRACURRICULAR AND LIFELONG LEARNING INITIATIVES**

Support extracurricular education and lifelong learning initiatives for residents of all ages.

*[Revised ED Goal 1.0]*

**Objective ED 2.1**  
**Extended Learning and Continuing Education**

Explore alternatives from Federal, State, and private entities to enhance the educational experience and improve educational opportunities in Wellington through partnerships and innovative funding sources.

*[Revised ED Objective 1.5]*

**Policy ED 2.1.1**  
**Community Schools**

Support the concept of “community schools” that provide lifelong learning opportunities both during the day and evening hours at school facilities, with an integrated focus on academics, health, community development and engagement, which leads to improved learning opportunities for adults, stronger families, and an overall healthier community.

*[Revised ED Policy 1.4.2]*

**Policy ED 2.1.2**  
**Universities and Adult Education**

Encourage universities, colleges, non-profit education providers, and the School District of Palm Beach County to establish college-level and adult education facilities and programs within Wellington.

*[Revised ED Policy 1.6.4]*

**Policy ED 2.1.3**  
**Local Business Educational Needs**

Work with local businesses to identify their educational needs and develop strategies to help meet them.

*[New]*

**Objective ED 2.2**  
**Lifelong Learning**

Develop and coordinate programming which supports lifelong learning opportunities for residents and local businesses.

*[New]*



**Policy ED 2.2.1  
Lifelong Learning**

Support and promote lifelong learning and academic enrichment opportunities provided by local organizations.

*[Revised ED Policy 1.6.5]*

**Policy ED 2.2.2  
Entrepreneur and Leadership Opportunities**

Support efforts by local business and non-profit partners to increase entrepreneurship and leadership opportunities for young adults ages 16 to 24.

*[New]*

**Policy ED 2.2.3  
Intergenerational Programming**

Support public private partnerships that include intergenerational programming for seniors and youths.

*[New]*

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**GOAL ED 3  
PUBLIC SCHOOL COORDINATED PLANNING**

Coordinate with the School District of Palm Beach County and other local governments for the planning of public educational facilities consistent with the “interlocal agreement for coordinated planning.”

*[Revised PS Goal 2.0]*

**Objective ED 3.1  
Interlocal Agreement**

Maintain a cooperative relationship with the Palm Beach County School District, Palm Beach County, and adjacent municipalities in addressing land use planning and development of public school facilities.

*[Revised PS Objective 2.1]*

**Policy ED 3.1.1  
Capital Facilities Plan Updates**

Continue to incorporate updates to the School District of Palm Beach County’s Capital Facilities Plan into the Capital Improvements Element, as necessary.

*[Revised ED Policy 1.4.1]*

**Objective ED 3.2  
School Facility Coordination**

Continue to coordinate development approvals and planning for school facilities.

*[Revised PF Objective 2.1]*

**Policy ED 3.2.1  
Planning Coordination**

Continue to coordinate planning and share information with the School District of Palm Beach County, Palm Beach County, and adjacent municipalities regarding existing and planned public school facilities, proposals for development and redevelopment, and infrastructure needed to support school facilities and population projections.

*[Revised PF Policy 2.1.2]*

**Policy ED 3.2.2  
Residential Development Coordination**

Continue to provide information on residential development approvals, land use amendments, and projected development and redevelopment projects.

*[Revised PF Policy 2.2.4]*



**Policy ED 3.2.3**  
**School Siting**

Continue to cooperate with the School District of Palm Beach County, Palm Beach County, and adjacent municipalities in the siting of school facilities, including availability of public infrastructure to serve the proposed school site.

*[Revised PF Policy 2.1.2]*

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