

1/2 Penny Sales Tax

Since 2003, Orange County Public Schools has opened **50 new schools** to make room for growth and relieve overcrowding. Through the 2018-19 school year, **118 schools have been replaced or renovated**.

OCPS gets money from three sources to pay for school construction projects:

- **A local sales tax** (paid anytime someone buys something in Orange County)
- **Impact fees** (paid by builders)
- **Property taxes** (paid by homeowners)

A half penny sales tax to pay for school construction was originally approved by Orange County voters in **2002**. In 2014 voters decided to renew funding to continue much-needed renovations to Orange County schools. Because Central Florida attracts tourists from all over the world, visitors to Orange County **pay 55% of the tax while our students benefit 100%**.

