

In December of 1988, the School Board approved a program of leasing portable classrooms to support the construction program. These units were used at sites where construction would displace students from permanent classrooms that were being renovated or remodeled. The units were leased, as needed, during a period of three years after the contract was approved. No new leases have been initiated since December 1991.

CONSTRUCTION PORTABLES

As construction was completed, the portables were moved to other sites where a project was underway or one anticipated. As the five-year construction program came to conclusion, some of these leased portables were surplus and were returned. This return program will continue as the last large ongoing construction project with leased portables (e.g. Driftwood Middle) is completed.

OTHER PORTABLES

Other school and departments were able to meet some of their housings needs by using the available service. These include: Child Development, Vocational Schools, Old Dillard, and Community Schools. Many units are still in service at these locations. Moreover, as student growth continued in the district, it was necessary to use some leased portables to alleviate over-crowding at affected schools.

The following table gives the lease costs associated with the portable classroom by user:

LEASE COSTS

	<u># UNITS</u>	<u>COST MONTHLY</u>	<u>COST/YEAR</u>
Construction Projects	22	\$10,649.00	\$127,788.00
Child Development	18	\$10,818.00	\$129,618.00
Curriculum	4	\$ 2,308.66	\$ 27,703.92
School Base	12	\$ 5,944.00	\$ 71,328.00
Total	56	\$29,719.66	\$356,437.92

The estimate of overall costs for fiscal year 2002-2003 includes the lease costs, contract return fees for vendor to breakdown/split units and return to their stockyards, and the restoration cost for portables that have excess wear and tear. This past year, six units were returned to Vendors and it is estimated that a similar number will be available for return during the year. These costs are estimated below.

TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS

Lease costs for one year	\$356,437.92
Return fees	\$ 6,000.00
Restoration costs	\$ 6,000.00
	<u>\$368,437.92</u>