

Charlotte County Public Schools – Accessibility Review under HB 2278 (2025)

Division: Charlotte County

School: Randolph-Henry High School & Eureka Elementary School

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1. Purpose of the Review

This report is prepared in accordance with **Virginia HB 2278 (2025, Chapter 566)**, which requires each school division to review the extent to which its school buildings and grounds present physical accessibility challenges or barriers for individuals with disabilities, and to evaluate existing or planned actions to address such barriers.

The report identifies accessibility challenges at Randolph-Henry High School, outlines current compliance status, and recommends actions to ensure full accessibility under the **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**, **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act**, and applicable **Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code** standards.

2. Summary of Review Process

- **Review conducted by:** Brette Arbogast Operations Director
- **Site visits:** October 1, 2025
- **Methods:** Visual inspection, facilities records,
- **Reference standards:** 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, Virginia Building Code, VDOE School Building Regulations & Guidelines.

3. Identified Accessibility Barriers

Area/Feature	Description of Barrier	Impact on Accessibility	Code/Standard Reference	Priority Level	Proposed Remediation
Main sidewalk (north/east entrance)	Sections of the sidewalk are uneven, cracked, and exceed allowable slope (1:20) in several spots. Surface	Students, staff, and visitors with mobility impairments experience difficulty reaching the building safely.	ADA 403.3, 403.6; USBC §1009	High	Replace/repair sidewalk to ensure uniform grade $\leq 1:20$, cross slope $\leq 1:48$, 36" min. clear width. Add tactile edge warning where

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	materials create tripping hazards and impede wheelchair access.				adjacent to drive area.
Building A (older academic wing)	No accessible entrance from exterior grade; steps only access; lacks ramp or lift.	Students or visitors using wheelchairs or walkers cannot independently enter.	ADA 206.4, 405; USBC §1104	High	Construct ramp or install vertical platform lift; ensure handrails, landing, and slope meet ADA 405; update door hardware for accessible operation.
Restroom (Building A)	Restrooms lack ADA-compliant stalls and fixtures.	Inaccessible to wheelchair users; non-compliance with ADA.	ADA 603, 604, 606	Medium	Renovate restrooms to full ADA compliance (stall dimensions, grab bars, lavatory clearance, signage).
Sidewalk connection to athletic facilities	Pathway uneven and lacks detectable warnings at crossings.	Creates risk for students with visual or mobility impairments.	ADA 402, 302	Medium	Replace pavement; install tactile warning strips; ensure consistent surface and width.

4. Planned or Ongoing Remediation Efforts

- **Sidewalk Repair Project:**
 - *Scope:* Replace approximately 800 feet of damaged concrete sidewalk routes.
 - *Estimated cost:* \$26,000
 - *Funding source:* [Local capital fund / maintenance budget / grant application / Sales Tax]
 - *Timeline:* On going started summer 2023.
- **ADA Addition for Building A: Randolph-Henry High School Annex Building**

- *Scope:* Construct accessible restrooms.
- *Estimated cost:* \$160,000
- *Funding source:* [Capital improvement plan request; potential state or federal assistance / sales tax]
- *Timeline:* Design FY 2026-27; construction FY 2027-28.

5. Division-Wide Support and Coordination

- The division ADA Coordinator and Facilities Department are developing a comprehensive **Accessibility Improvement Plan (AIP)** that consolidates needs from all schools per HB 2278.
- Randolph-Henry High / Eureka Elementary School's identified needs will be prioritized within the AIP for funding and scheduling.
- Coordination with local government, VDOE, and the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) will be sought for technical and financial assistance.

6. Stakeholder Input

Summaries of feedback received:

- **Students and staff:** Report difficulties traversing the uneven sidewalk, particularly during winter weather.
- **Parents and visitors:** Highlighted inability for wheelchair users to access older academic wing without assistance.
- **Maintenance staff:** Confirmed recurring repairs due to frost heave and aging concrete.

7. Compliance Assessment

Compliance Category	Current Status	Comments
Physical access to all public entrances	Partial	One building requires ADA addition; sidewalks need repair.
Accessible interior routes	Mostly compliant	Minor door-width issues to be addressed during addition.
Restroom accessibility	Partial	Upgrades needed in Building A (Annex).
Site paths of travel	Partial	Sidewalks and crosswalks need resurfacing and slope corrections.

8. Recommendations

1. Prioritize funding for **sidewalk repair** and **ADA addition** in FY 2025–26 capital plan.
 2. Integrate accessibility review findings into division-wide facility master plan.
 3. Continue to collect stakeholder input annually to update the HB 2278 accessibility inventory.
 4. Submit updated progress report to School Board and VDOE by **November 1, 2025**, as required.
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9. Certification

I certify that this report reflects the findings of an accessibility review conducted pursuant to Virginia HB 2278 (2025, Ch. 566).

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