

# Sabal Palm Elementary at Dale Mabry Field

The history of Sabal Palm Elementary starts with the history of the surrounding area.

In 1928, the City of Tallahassee acquired 200 acres of land in order to build its first municipal airport. In 1929, the airport was named for Army Captain Dale Mabry, who died while commanding a semi-rigid airship in Virginia in 1922. Commercial flights began to come in and out of Tallahassee at this time.



In 1938, with the onset of World War 2, the United States Air Force established a fighter pilot training school at Dale Mabry and developed three runways. In 1941, the airport is established as an Army base for training pilots for various airplanes. More than 5,000 pilots honed their skills at the air base during World War 2.

The base was deactivated in 1945 and served as a commercial airport until 1961, when Tallahassee Regional Airport opened.



In 1962, an area of buildings and barracks south of the air strips was annexed and Sabal Palm Elementary opened. The school began serving the educational needs of the students in the surrounding area, and continues to do so today!

## SPES Rebranding

### Logos Through the Years



1962



2013



2014



2022