

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

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WHAT IS CURRENT ENROLLMENT?

- As of 9/19/2016 total K-12 enrollment is 3,016
 - K-4 enrollment is 1,054
 - 5-8 enrollment is 909
 - 9-12 enrollment is 1,053
- This data is from the district's student accounting software, *Infinite Campus*

This is a “headcount” for lack of better term, as of 9/19/2016.

On the General Education Aid side of things, the district receives funding based on *Average Daily Membership* or ADMs.

An ADM is a different type of enrollment number. Both are valid but each have different reporting requirements and uses by MDE.

WHAT IS ELEMENTARY ENROLLMENT AT EACH SCHOOL?

Site	Grade Levels					
	Ktgn	01	02	03	04	All Grades
Goodview	35	35	33	33	36	172
Jefferson	62	53	74	64	71	324
Madison	32	34	43	46	35	190
Rollingstone	15	12	14	15	15	71
Washington-Kosciusko	45	60	48	66	78	297
As of 9/19/2016	189	194	212	224	235	1054

This gives you a breakdown of where those 1,054 elementary students are being served in the district as of 9/19/2016.

WHAT DOES HISTORY TELL US ABOUT OUR ENROLLMENT?

- In the fall of 1980 we reported 4,890 students (K-12)
 - Down 1,874 students over the last 36 years
 - Drop of 38%
- In the fall of 1980 we reported 1,487 K-4 students
 - Down 433 students over the last 36 years
 - Drop of 29%

The short version is that our enrollment has been declining.

We have been talking about this for years.

People are having smaller families than they used to.

The 11x17 one page bar graph handout provides a history of fall enrollment counts from the fall of 1980 to the fall of 2015.

These numbers were pulled from the MN Department of Education website or through direct inquiry with the department.

WHAT DOES HISTORY TELL US ABOUT OUR ENROLLMENT?

- 1981-1986: -1.44%
- 1986-1991: +1.08%
- 1991-1996: -0.59%
- 1996-2001: -.99%
- 2001-2006: -3.15%
- 2006-2011: -2.86%
- 2011-2016: -1.30%

So we know our enrollment is declining.....but at what rate.

Keep in mind that this is a comparison of **FALL** enrollment numbers

This slides gives you the average annual enrollment change.

The total change in enrollment during each of these 5 year periods is as follows:

- 1981-1986: -7.22%
- 1986-1991: +5.49%
- 1991-1996: -3.03%
- 1996-2001: -4.91%
- 2001-2006: -14.82%
- 2006-2011: -13.51%
- 2011-2016: -6.340%

WHERE IS ENROLLMENT EXPECTED TO BE IN THE FUTURE?

- The district uses a 5-year average cohort retention method for projecting enrollment in future years.
 - Tracks the number of students who stay in the system as their class moves through the grade levels and applies those historical averages to the future in order to estimate future class sizes.
- Kindergarten class sizes are estimated based on birthrates in the corresponding year.
 - This only helps us with 4 years worth of projections
 - Beyond that, we use a conservative number for that entering class
- Enrollment projections are not an exact science!
 - Estimates are constantly being reviewed and adjusted as better data is available

FIVE-YEAR PROJECTION

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
K	188.550	194.780	211.390	198.520	180.000
1	175.463	191.234	197.553	214.399	201.346
2	193.383	174.905	190.626	196.925	213.718
3	212.889	191.485	173.187	188.754	194.991
4	226.135	212.078	190.755	172.528	188.035
5	244.918	240.802	225.833	203.127	183.718
6	215.693	249.184	244.997	229.767	206.666
7	232.763	222.147	256.640	252.328	236.643
8	267.880	237.081	226.269	261.402	257.010
9	219.427	281.245	248.910	237.558	274.444
10	255.342	227.761	291.926	258.363	246.580
11	264.943	246.902	220.232	282.277	249.823
12	243.453	280.440	261.344	233.114	298.787
	2940.839	2950.045	2839.663	2829.062	2931.760
% Change	-0.53%	0.31%	-0.35%	-0.36%	0.09%

These numbers are ADM estimates – the numbers used to estimate general education aid rather than fall counts

If you were to compare these numbers to the numbers in the most recent demographic book, they will not match.

This is because I have better, more up to date data now than I did when that book was being prepared.

At this point I am anticipating that enrollment is going to level off.

WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION ON ENROLLMENT TRENDS

- District Demographic Book
 - Prepared each year
 - Includes information on:
 - Enrollment projections
 - Kindergarten enrollment vs corresponding birth rates
 - Enrollment of neighboring districts and school systems
 - Open enrollment data
- Minnesota Department of Education website
 - Education.state.mn.us
 - “Data Center” (upper right corner of page)
 - “Data Reports and Analytics”
 - “Minnesota Funding Reports” (under School Finance Reports heading towards the middle of the page)

The most recent demographic book was provided to task force members – best for historical information, the projections are old the minute it is printed.

Previous demographic books are available on the WAPS website on the Superintendent’s page.

The MN Department of Education also has enrollment data.

If looking at MDE reports, I would caution you to make sure you know the type of enrollment number you are looking at (headcount vs ADM vs WADM).

QUESTIONS?