

## USD 247 Enrollment Projection & Nonresident Enrollment Report 2026

Per K.S.A [72-3123](#), [72-3124](#), and [72-3126](#), before May 1st of each year, the superintendent of schools or designee will develop and submit a recommendation to the board of education declaring the projected enrollment and number of open seats available to nonresident students. By June 1 of each year, the district will publish on its website, at a minimum, the number of students expected to attend the district in the next school year and the number of open seats available to nonresident students. Included in this report are recommended actions the board of education is asked to take to fulfill such statutory requirement.

### **Enrollment Projection Determination**

Outlined in this report is a collection of data and considerations used to prepare a recommendation to the board of education to approve enrollment projections and the number of seats available to nonresident students.

**Table 1.0 - Historical & Current Student Headcount Enrollment**

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Pre-K	31	23	32	21	28	19	23
Kindergarten	34	30	24	34	30	32	17
1st Grade	29	31	27	19	29	27	25
2nd	34	25	32	25	22	27	28
3rd	33	37	25	33	28	22	27
4th	35	31	35	26	38	26	21
5th	31	34	30	35	28	38	29
6th	38	27	34	34	32	28	37
7th	30	38	34	35	33	32	30
8th	39	32	35	43	36	30	41
9th	42	41	37	40	40	38	27
10th	43	37	41	39	41	39	41
11th	37	41	36	39	38	40	34
12th	43	35	37	35	38	34	37
Total Headcount	499	462	459	458	461	432	417
Total Student Bldg Difference	4	-37	-3	-1	3	-29	-15

## Enrollment Considerations

It is critical that the district maintain a student-teacher ratio that maximizes learning while remaining fiscally responsible. Additionally, the district must maintain appropriate physical space to efficiently and effectively educate students. These physical spaces may include but are not limited to classrooms, hallways, commons areas, dining, playground, parking, and offices. District **goals** for the appropriate student enrollment range for each district school is outlined in Table 1.1.

**Table 1.1 - District Enrollment Goals**

School	Pre-K	Student-Teacher Ratio Goal (PK-6) / Grade Cohort Goal (7-12)												
		KG	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
SES	30	15-18	15-18	15-18	15-18	15-18								
SMS							18-22	18-22	44	44				
SHS											44	44	44	44

There are no known housing or industrial/commercial projects expected to impact district enrollment positively or negatively.

Birth rate in the district is relatively unchanged with 68 births in both 2023 and 2024 (this is the most recent census data available).

While student enrollment remains relatively stable by cohort, “bubbles” in enrollment must be considered when projecting enrollment for next year and in future years. These bubbles are defined by a grade level cohort of students that equals plus or minus 5 to 10 students per grade level cohort immediately preceding and/or following it. These bubbles are identified in Table 1.2

**Table 1.2 - Current Enrollment Bubbles**

School	TTL Cnt	Pre-K	Grade Level												
			KG	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
SES	153	23	17	25	28	27	21								
SMS	128							29	37	30	41				
SHS	151											27	41	34	37

**Student Enrollment Projections and Capacity**

Enrollment projections incorporate all of the data identified in this report to the best of our ability and in order to operate at maximum effectiveness and efficiency.

**Table 1.3 - 2026-2027 Enrollment Projections**

School	TTL Cnt	Pre-K	Grade Level												
			KG	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
SES	139	19	23	17	25	28	27								
SMS	117							21	29	37	30				
SHS	143											41	27	41	34
<b>TOTAL</b>	399														

**Table 1.4 - 2026-2027 Nonresident Student Enrollment Capacity**

School	TTL Cnt	Pre-K	Grade Level												
			KG	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
SES	71	11	13	19	11	8	9								
SMS	29							23	15	7	14				
SHS	33											3	17	3	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	133														

**Recommendation**

The superintendent of schools recommends the USD 247 Board of Education adopt the student enrollment projection in Table 1.3 and the nonresident enrollment seats in the grades and schools identified in Table 1.4 in this report.

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