

USD 247 Enrollment Projection & Nonresident Enrollment Report 2025

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

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Pre-K	26	31	23	32	21	28	19
Kindergarten	33	34	30	24	34	30	32
1st Grade	31	29	31	27	19	29	27
2nd	34	34	25	32	25	22	27
3rd	32	33	37	25	33	28	22
4th	27	35	31	35	26	38	26
5th	32	31	34	30	35	28	38
6th	30	38	27	34	34	32	28
7th	41	30	38	34	35	33	32
8th	40	39	32	35	43	36	30
9th	46	42	41	37	40	40	38
10th	38	43	37	41	39	41	39
11th	43	37	41	36	39	38	40
12th	42	43	35	37	35	38	34
Total Headcount	495	499	462	459	458	461	432
Total Student Bldg Difference		4	-37	-3	-1	3	-29

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

		Student-Teacher Ratio Goal (PK-6) / Grade Cohort Goal (7-12)												
School	Pre-K	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 2022 and 2023 (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

			Grade Level												
School	TTL Cnt	Pre-K	KG	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
SES	153	19	32	27	27	22	26								
SMS	128							38	28	32	30				
SHS	151											38	39	40	34

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 - 2025-2026 Enrollment Projections

			Grade Level												
School	TTL Cnt	Pre-K	KG	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
SES	146	18	20	32	27	27	22								
SMS	124							26	38	28	32				
SHS	148											30	38	39	41
TOTAL	418														

Table 1.4 - 2025-2026 Nonresident Student Enrollment Capacity

			Grade Level												
School	TTL Cnt	Pre-K	KG	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
SES	64	12	16	4	9	9	14								
SMS	52							18	6	16	12				
SHS	28											14	6	5	3
TOTAL	144														

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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