



First Day of School Enrollment Update

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First Day Enrollment Report Context

- Projections are based on multi-year averages of the student capture rate from grade to grade at each school in each grade level.
- Kindergarten is harder to predict because we don't have capture rate data. We typically use the average of the last five years at each school.
- First day enrollment counts all students with an active enrollment. It is not an attendance count.
- October 1 is the date MDE uses for many of its official counts. It is also after the volatility of enrollment has subsided.

K-12 Enrollment Overall

Year	Proj.	First Day	First Day +/- Proj.	Oct. 1	Oct. 1 +/- Proj.
22-23	4894	5011	+117	4904	+10
23-24	4967	5102	+135	5107	+140
24-25	5196	5256	+60	5202	+6
25-26	5190	5203	+13	5134	-56
26-27	5105	5124	+19	?	?

K-12 Enrollment by Level

Grades	26-27 First Day +/- Proj.	25-26 First Day +/- Proj.	24-25 First Day +/- Proj.	23-24 First Day +/- Proj.	22-23 First Day +/- Proj.
Kinder-garten	-8	-49	-57	-33	-15
Elemen-tary	13	-42	2	-5	42
Middle School	15	31	40	39	23
High School	-9	24	18	101	53

Notes to Know

- Based on recent history, official enrollment numbers will likely drop some by October 1st when official data is captured by MDE
- We continue to monitor “hot spots” relative to the board’s approved class size parameters.

Questions?