



Board Meeting Date: 10/20/2026

Title: 2026-2027 Enrollment and Class Size Report

Type: Discussion

Presenter(s): Nathan Swenson, Assistant Superintendent; Daphne Edwards, Director of Marketing and Communications; and Jen Christ, Enrollment Coordinator

Description: This report provides enrollment and class size information for Edina Public Schools for the past school year and was updated with the October 1, 2026, student counts.

Recommendation: No recommendation is being asked of the Board at this time.

Desired Outcome(s) from the Board: This item has been prepared for discussion. Please bring forth initial reactions and questions you have for the presenters.

Attachments: [Enrollment and Class Size Report](#)

Executive Summary

As of October 1, 2026, Edina Public Schools (EPS) serves 8,995 E–12 students, reflecting overall enrollment stability and continued strong community demand for EPS programs. The district’s enrollment trends continue to inform both short-term operational decisions and long-term strategic planning.

Key Highlights

- Overall Enrollment: Total K–12 enrollment stands at 8,738 students (up from 8,730 in 2025–26), while total enrollment including Early Learning is 8,995.
- Resident Enrollment: EPS serves 6,625 resident students, representing 76.9% of the city’s total student pool, a capture rate that remains stable.
- Resident Kindergarten Capture: The resident kindergarten capture rate rebounded to 77.8% (up from 76% in 2025–26), with 431 out of 554 resident kindergarteners choosing Edina Public Schools.
- Cohort Trends: Most grade-level cohorts experienced steady retention or slight growth.
- Open Enrollment: A total of 2,105 (24%) students are open-enrolled in EPS, which is representative of a 0.6% increase over last school year.
- Demographics: The resident student population continues to grow more racially and ethnically diverse, while open-enrolled students remain predominantly White.

Summary

Edina Public Schools continues to be in a strong operational and financial position, supported by balanced enrollment. Although lower birth rates are resulting in smaller kindergarten cohorts across the region, Edina continues to enroll a high percentage of resident students and sees strong interest from families outside the district. These enrollment patterns demonstrate continued confidence in Edina’s schools.