Board President and Superintendent Reports

November 16, 2026



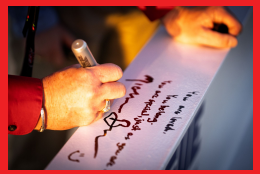








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Enrollment & Elementary Class Size Updates

Campus	Demographer Projections for October Snapshot Date	# Actuals 11/16/26
Argyle South Elementary	817	773
Argyle West Elementary	878	866
Hilltop Elementary	781	755
Jane Ruestmann Elementary	934	901
Sixth Grade Center	390	379
Argyle Middle School	503	516
Scott Gibson Middle School	794	771
Argyle High School	1919	1841
Total	7016	6802

November 16, 2026 #	ASE	AWE	Hilltop	JRE	District Avg
PreK	19.0	20.5	22.0	18.0	**19.9**
Kindergarten	17.3	18.8	17.3	19.2	**18.2**
1st Grade	17.2	17.5	17.3	18.3	**17.6**
2nd Grade	18.8	18.0	18.3	18.9	**18.5**
3rd Grade	19.3	21.6	21.3	19.3	**20.4**
4th Grade	20.5	21.7	20.0	21.5	**20.9**
5th Grade	21.5	23.7	21.0	22.7	**22.2**

Understanding Today's Enrollment Numbers

Being below enrollment projections does not necessarily mean enrollment is declining

	ACTUAL October Snapshot	SDS Moderate Projection	Difference	% of Enrollment Difference
ECSE/Pre-K	186	180	6	-2.55%
Kinder	450	522	-72	30.64%
1st Grade	465	510	-45	19.15%
2nd Grade	492	508	-16	6.81%
3rd Grade	587	573	14	-5.96%
4th Grade	535	544	-9	3.83%
5th Grade	566	576	-10	4.26%
6th Grade	532	531	1	-0.43%
7th Grade	593	595	-2	0.85%
8th Grade	543	560	-17	7.23%
9th Grade	513	547	-34	14.47%
10th Grade	484	492	-8	3.40%
11th Grade	453	478	-25	10.64%
12th Grade	384	402	-18	7.66%
Total	**6783**	**7018**	**-235**	**100.00%**

50% of that difference (117 students) is concentrated in Kindergarten and 1st Grade, two of the most challenging grade levels to forecast as families make varying decisions about when to enter public education.

A projection is an estimate of anticipated enrollment. Coming in below that estimate does not, by itself, indicate that a district is losing students.

Understanding Today's Enrollment Numbers

High school enrollment is projected to grow based on students who are ALREADY enrolled in Argyle ISD

This is an especially important point as we prepare for our second high school.

Today, we have **1,841** high school students. Simply advancing our current grade-level cohorts through the system produces the following combined high school enrollment forecast:

- **2026–27:** 1,841 students
- **2027–28:** 1,993 students
- **2028–29:** 2,133 students
- **2029–30:** 2,181 students
- **2030–31:** 2,234 students

That's an increase of **400 high school students, or nearly 22%, over the next four years**, using only students **already enrolled** in our district today..

AHS functional capacity is 1,750 and physical capacity is 2,100.

LHS functional capacity is 1,150 and physical capacity is 1,300.

High School Models - Review What We've Studied

Three years ago, we shared this information during the Bond Planning and 2024 Election process.

Model	Staffing	Master Schedule	FTE Multiplier
One Comprehensive HS • 9th at LHS 377 campus • 10-12th at AHS (CF) *Underutilization at LHS (only one grade) & eventual overutilization at AHS (three grades)*	Separate Administrative and Teaching Staff Some shared ExtraCurr Staff	**Block Scheduling** with running Shuttle Buses on Hwy 377	**1.33** Approx. Minimum 112 FTEs in year 1
One Comprehensive HS • 9-10th at LHS 377 campus • 11-12th at AHS (CF) *Efficient utilization at LHS (two grades) & underutilization at AHS (two grades)*	Separate Administrative and Teaching Staff Some shared ExtraCurr Staff	**Block Scheduling** with running Shuttle Buses on Hwy 377	**1.33** Approx. Minimum 112 FTEs in year 1
Two Comprehensive HS • 9-12th at **two** separate campuses (377 & AHS) *Maximizes utilization of LHS and AHS because zones can be adjusted as needed to maximize bldg usage.*	Separate Administrative, Teaching, and Extracurricular Staff	**Traditional Scheduling** with 7 or 8 period day, no Shuttle Buses	**1.16** Approx. Minimum 98 FTEs in year 1

Key Points on Long-Range Planning

- **Larger grade-level cohorts** are moving into high school while smaller classes are graduating. *For perspective, our **current senior class** has **384** students, while our **current 7th-grade class** has **593** students.*
- We cannot make decisions about future facilities and student opportunities based solely on a single year's enrollment **projection.**
- We must consider:
  - The students **already enrolled** in our district,
  - The **size of the classes** moving through our schools,
  - **Future** campus capacity, and
  - **Continued** residential development
- We don't have to speculate about the students who will drive future high school enrollment. They are already here.

School Board's Vision for Two High School Model

***2023:* Fundamentally about responsibly managing growth while protecting the *educational experience* and *student opportunities* that have made Argyle ISD so successful.**

1. **Protecting the Student Experience:**
   - ➔ Preserving ***student opportunities*** and the *district's culture*
   - ➔ Providing an environment where our students can *learn, participate, build relationships,* and *thrive*
2. **Responsible building utilization, functional capacity, and long-term enrollment planning:**
   - ➔ Responsibly *utilizing the facilities* our community has already *invested* in
   - ➔ Ensuring our campuses can *function effectively*
   - ➔ **Now What? Study flexibility on current data while honoring preservation of a priority on student opportunities and experience:**
     - ◆ ***377 Campus:*** possibility of 7-12th and for how long
     - ◆ ***800 Eagle Drive (aka SGC, AIS)****:* possible delay operating 1 year for budgeting purposes

District Updates

- ★ **Multicultural Night on Tuesday Night** - 6:30 p.m. at GMS
- ★ **Signing Day at AHS on Wednesday** - 10:15 a.m. at AHS
- ★ **AHS, GMS, AMS, and SGC Choir & Band Christmas Concerts** - all through December with details on the campus calendars
- ★ **GMS Theatre Production of High School Musical** - December 10-12th
- ★ **HEB Partnership** - December opening and partnering with us to utilize off site parking for their employees. They have committed to supporting the District with New Teacher Training in August.

Board President Report



Board President Rich McDowell