

Long Range Planning

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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: October 1, 2025

SUBJECT: Enrollment Summary for the 2025-2026 School Year

Total enrollment in the Beaverton School District declined from the prior school year by a total of 890 students (-2.34%). This was the 2nd largest drop in enrollment since 2020. Table 1 shows change by school level and program for the district. For the K-12 general education population, which comprises the bulk of enrollment, each school level except middle school experienced a decline, with the largest drop at the elementary school level.¹ Other programs, including the early college, alternative programs and outside special education placements saw net increases in enrollment. Charter schools (Arco Iris and Hope Chinese) experienced a modest increase.

Table 1: Enrollment Change 2024 to 2025 School Year

K-12 General Education	2024-25	2025-26	Change #	Change %	
Elementary (K-5)	15,597	14,843	(754)	-4.83%	
Middle School (6-8)	8,405	8,446	41	0.49%	
High School (9-12)	11,795	11,531	(264)	-2.24%	
Total	35,797	34,820	(977)	-2.73%	

Other Programs	2024-25	2025-26	Change #	Change %	
Early College (EC)	265	297	32	12.08%	
Alternative Programs (AP)	98	96	(2)	-2.04%	
Special Education Outside Placement (SP)	76	70	(6)	-7.89%	
Self-Contained Specialized Programs (SCSP)	933	984	51	5.47%	
Charter Schools	801	813	12	1.50%	
Total	2,173	2,260	87	4.00%	

All Schools and Programs	2024-25	2025-26	Change #	Change %	
Grand Total*	37,970	37,080	(890)	-2.34%	

¹ Notes: General education totals include all K-5, K-8, SUMMA, and Rachel Carson programs, and middle and high school options programs (ACMA, ISB, BASE, CS and FLEX Online). Pre-kindergarten students are not included in figures above. The district pre-kindergarten total for 2025 is 417 students.

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Chart 1 shows historic grand total enrollment from 2015 to 2025. The district's peak enrollment year was 2019 (41,374) and has declined each year since. Since 2019, total enrollment has fallen by 4,294 students (-10.4%).

Grand Total Enrollment (2015 - 2025) 41.374 42,000 41,016 41,101 40.912 39,711 1,040 39.376 40.000 38,076 37,970 38,000 37,080 36,000 ■ Charter Schools ■ Self-Contained Specialized Programs (SCSP) ■ Special Education Outside Placement (SP) Alternative Programs (AP) 32,000 Early College (EC) K-12 General Education 30,000 District Grand Total 2015-16 2016-17 2017-18 2018-19 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22 2022-23 2023-24 2024-25 2025-26 ■ Charter Schools 492 550 643 772 727 759 797 801 813 ■ Self-Contained Specialized Programs (SCSP) 1,012 1,060 1,039 1,040 961 858 907 877 933 ■ Special Education Outside Placement (SP) 84 95 70 71 76 70 93 92 86 ■ Alternative Programs (AP) 178 159 129 140 102 73 77 61 98 Early College (EC) 244 272 301 307 278 288 275 281 255 265 297 K-12 General Education 38,889 37.502 37,348 34.820 38,958 38,853 38,891 39,087 36,676 36,015 35,797 District Grand Total 40,725 40,912 41,016 41,101 41,374 39,711 39,376

Chart 1: Beaverton School District Grand Total Enrollment

In addition to the drop in enrollment associated with the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, smaller kindergarten class sizes are driving enrollment decline. Chart 2 shows general education kindergarten class size 2017 to 2025. The 2020 kindergarten class was significantly smaller, as were many cohorts during the first full school year of the pandemic. With the exception of a small increase in 2021, each kindergarten class has been smaller than the last. This is attributable to the gradual decline in annual births in Beaverton School District and Washington County as a whole. The 2025 kindergarten class is the smallest since the early 1990s.

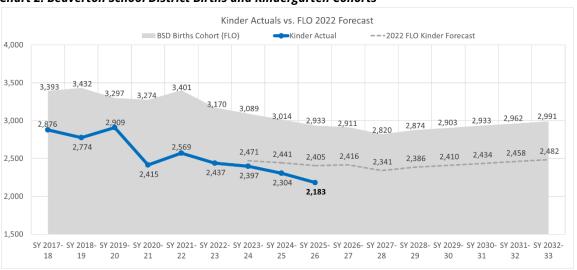


Chart 2: Beaverton School District Births and Kindergarten Cohorts

In 2022, FLO Analytics prepared a 10-year enrollment forecast, including a forecast of kindergarten classes. Kindergarten class sizes have fallen below the forecast, indicating that assumptions need to be revised for kindergarten capture rates.²

Table 2 shows the impact of smaller kindergarten classes on the K-12 general education enrollment over time. The table shows enrollment by grade and by year since 2015. Cells are color coded by class size (red are larger, blue are smaller); one can see how large cohorts progress down and to the right over time as they matriculate. The district's largest cohorts, in the 3,000-student range prior to the pandemic, are being replaced by smaller cohorts over time. This results in steadily declining enrollment year-by-year.

The bottom portion of the table shows average class size by school level. In 2019, for example, the average class size in 2019 was 3,007 and in 2025, it is 2,678. Average class sizes are likely to continue to decline as large cohorts are replaced by smaller cohorts over time.

Table 2: Historic K-12 General Education Enrollment by Grade Level 2015-2025

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Kinder	2,965	2,751	2,876	2,774	2,909	2,415	2,569	2,437	2,397	2,304	2,183
1st	3,019	3,020	2,781	2,949	2,846	2,782	2,638	2,659	2,532	2,501	2,304
2nd	3,015	3,045	2,986	2,839	2,975	2,705	2,787	2,625	2,704	2,563	2,457
3rd	3,079	3,079	2,994	2,987	2,845	2,815	2,680	2,782	2,607	2,780	2,552
4th	3,062	3,098	3,089	3,023	3,001	2,703	2,808	2,702	2,787	2,634	2,716
5th	3,124	3,080		3,100	3,051	2,703	2,721		2,685		
			3,076			·		2,795		2,815	2,631
6th	3,066	3,150	3,134	3,095	3,137	2,981	2,930	2,744	2,836	2,745	2,856
7th	3,136	3,121	3,142	3,142	3,090	3,030	2,977	2,859	2,731	2,889	2,744
8th	2,998	3,085	3,078	3,142	3,120	3,008	3,015	2,956	2,873	2,771	2,846
9th	3,013	3,041	3, 1 61	3, 1 66	3,222	3,199	3,112	3,060	3,034	2,967	2,884
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11th	2,724	2,810	2,793	2,820	2,946	2,944	2,980	2,964	2,930	2,889	2,894
12th	2,647	2,684	2,734	2,706	2,777	2,868	2,997	2,976	2,876	2,888	2,784
Total	38,889	38,958	38,853	38,891	39,087	37,502	37,348	36,676	36,015	35,797	34,820
Change	724	69	(105)	38	196	(1,585)	(154)	(672)	(661)	(218)	(977)
% Change	1.90%	0.18%	-0.27%	0.10%	0.50%	-4.06%	-0.41%	-1.80%	-1.80%	-0.61%	-2. 73 %
Average Cohort Size	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Avg K-5th Class Size	3,058	3,012	2,967	2,945	2,938	2,720	2,701	2,668	2,619	2,600	2,474
Avg 6-8 Class Size	3,067	3,119	3,118	3,126	3,116	3,006	2,974	2,853	2,813	2,802	2,815
Avg 9-12 Class Size	2,836	2,882	2,924	2,960	3,028	3,042	3,056	3,028	2,966	2,949	2,883
All Cohorts	2,991	2,997	2,989	2,992	3,007	2,885	2,873	2,821	2,770	2,754	2,678
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Additional details by grade and school level are available in the enrollment summary (attached).

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² In 2025 FLO Analytics will develop a new 10-year enrollment forecast. It will be available in early 2026.