



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF TURTLE LAKE

*"To foster a culture of excellence where every person
belongs, learns and succeeds."*

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January 2026

2026-2027 Enrollment Projection

Grad Yr.	Grade	Number
2026	12	34
2027	11	33
2028	10	24
2029	9	39
HS Total		130
2030	8	32
2031	7	36
2032	6	32
MS Total		100
2033	5	31
2034	4	23
2035	3	30
2036	2	27
2037	1	26
2038	K	20
2039	K4	25 (est.)
ELE Total		182
School Total		412
Special Education	Caseload Based on Disability Max Recommended = 26	
	Current	
Birth to 3, PK-1	24	
2-3	20.9	
4-5	31.3	
MS 6-8	36.5	
HS	44.6 - Two teachers	

Student numbers as of January 2026

The recommendation is not to limit open enrollment for regular education, but to limit open enrollment for special education based on anticipated caseload numbers and potential students moving into the district.

2026-2027 School Year

At the current time all caseloads are above 20 when the weighted formula is used to calculate caseloads. There are also 5 students who are going through the referral process and all of them will likely qualify for special education services and were calculated in the caseload numbers.

The caseload numbers at the upper elementary and middle school levels are above 30 and which is above the recommended level. Caseloads will need to be adjusted to meet the needs of the students to allow teachers the ability to have a greater impact on their learning. If more students were to be added to caseloads students' needs may not be adequately meet. Given these projected numbers the district does not have available space for additional students to open enroll. It is my recommendation that the School District of Turtle Lake closes Open Enrollment to all grade levels.

Submitted Respectfully By,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rob Schmitt", written in a cursive style.

Rob Schmitt

Director of Special Education