

LPSD Small School Intent to Enroll Practice

In mid-March each spring, LPSD asks Principals to gather perspectives from each of our small school communities regarding their intent to enroll for the following school year.

This perspective is solicited by having each family of a school with 15 or fewer currently enrolled students fill out an intent to enroll form.

As of January 12, 2026, the following school sites have 15 or fewer students enrolled:

- Nondalton, 15 students (1, PK4 and no spring 2026 graduates)
- Chignik Lagoon 11 (1 PK4 and no spring graduates)
- Igiugig, 8 (2, PK4 and no spring graduates)

The projected enrollment at sites in mid-March often guides our hiring decisions for the following Fall school year.

For schools that do not have 10 students enrolled in mid-March, LPSD has made certain to strive towards staffing the school with a veteran educator as a long-term employee at least through the fall count period (end of October).

I want to highlight the effort to staff the school with a veteran and ideally someone who is already familiar with LPSD competency-based learning so students do not miss out on learning due to the learning curve of a new educator. As the end of the fall count period approaches, we can often predict through conversations with the local community whether they found students to make it to 10 or if parents are already making other plans with their students for the duration of the school year, which triggers the next steps and then School Board awareness and eventually Board decision making regarding school closure.