

MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Enrollment Summary for the 2024-2025 School Year

This memorandum summarizes enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year, as measured on Monday, September 30, 2024.

Total enrollment in the Beaverton School District declined from the prior school year by a total of 106 students (-0.28%). 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 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.

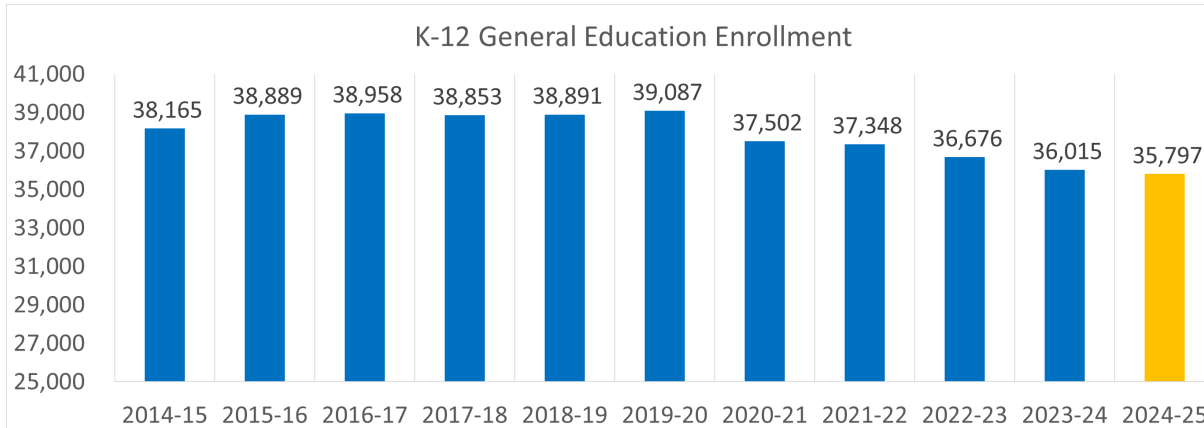
Table 1: Enrollment Change 2023 to 2024 School Year

School / Program	Previous Year Enrollment (SY 2023-24)	Current Year Enrollment (SY 2024-25)	Actual Change #	Actual Change %
Elementary	15,712	15,597	(115)	-0.73%
Middle School	8,440	8,405	(35)	-0.41%
High School	11,863	11,795	(68)	-0.57%
K-12 General Education*	36,015	35,797	(218)	-0.61%
Early College (EC)	255	265	10	3.92%
Alternative Programs (AP)	61	98	37	60.66%
Special Education Outside Placement (SP)	71	76	5	7.04%
Self Contained Special Education (SPED)	877	933	56	6.39%
Charter Schools	797	801	4	0.50%
District Grand Total*	38,076	37,970	(106)	-0.28%

¹ Notes: General Education totals include all K-5, K-8, SUMMA, and Rachel Carson programs, and Middle and High School Options programs (ACMA, CS, ISB, BASE and FLEX Online). Pre-Kindergarten students are not included in figures above. The district Pre-Kindergarten total for 2024 is 409 students.

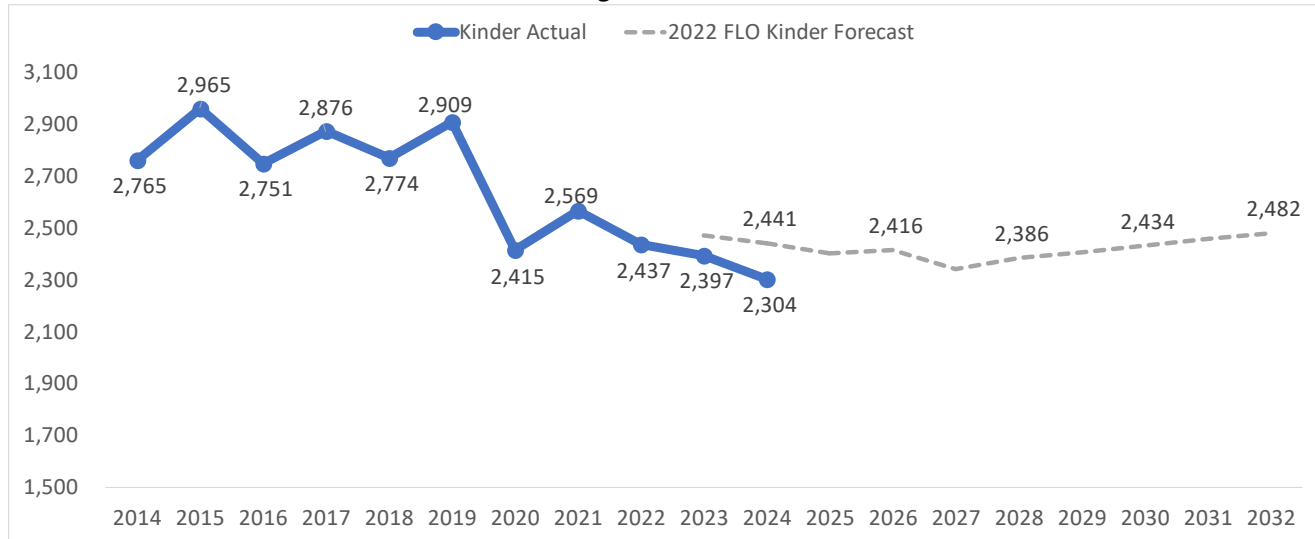
Chart 1 shows historic K-12 general education enrollment from 2013 to 2024. The district's peak enrollment year was 2019 (39,087) and has declined each year since. Since the 2019 peak, K-12 general education enrollment has fallen by 3,290 students (-8.4%).

Chart 1: Beaverton School District K-12 General Education 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 2014 to 2024. The district's largest kindergarten class size was in 2015 (2,965) and classes have ranged between 2,751 and 2,909 until 2020. The 2020 kindergarten class was significantly smaller, followed by a slight uptick in 2021. But even since the end of the pandemic, 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.

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. For the first two years of the forecast, 2023 and 2024, kindergarten actual class sizes have fallen below the forecast.

Table 2 shows the impact of smaller kindergarten classes on general education total enrollment over time. The table shows enrollment by grade and by year since 2014. 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 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 2024, it is 2,754. 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 2014-2024

General Education Enrollment											
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Kinder	2,765	2,965	2,751	2,876	2,774	2,909	2,415	2,569	2,437	2,397	2,304
1st	3,011	3,019	3,020	2,781	2,949	2,846	2,782	2,638	2,659	2,532	2,501
2nd	3,064	3,096	3,045	2,986	2,839	2,975	2,705	2,787	2,625	2,704	2,563
3rd	3,033	3,079	3,079	2,994	2,987	2,845	2,815	2,680	2,782	2,607	2,780
4th	3,042	3,062	3,098	3,089	3,023	3,001	2,703	2,808	2,709	2,787	2,634
5th	3,004	3,124	3,080	3,076	3,100	3,051	2,897	2,721	2,795	2,685	2,815
6th	3,109	3,066	3,150	3,134	3,095	3,137	2,981	2,930	2,744	2,836	2,745
7th	3,005	3,136	3,121	3,142	3,142	3,090	3,030	2,977	2,859	2,731	2,889
8th	2,953	2,998	3,085	3,078	3,142	3,120	3,008	3,015	2,956	2,873	2,771
9th	2,959	3,013	3,041	3,161	3,166	3,222	3,199	3,112	3,060	3,034	2,967
10th	2,877	2,960	2,994	3,009	3,148	3,168	3,155	3,134	3,110	3,023	3,051
11th	2,708	2,724	2,810	2,793	2,820	2,946	2,944	2,980	2,964	2,930	2,889
12th	2,635	2,647	2,684	2,734	2,706	2,777	2,868	2,997	2,976	2,876	2,888
Total	38,165	38,889	38,958	38,853	38,891	39,087	37,502	37,348	36,676	36,015	35,797
<i>Change</i>	289	724	69	(105)	38	196	(1,585)	(154)	(672)	(661)	(218)
<i>% Change</i>	0.76%	1.90%	0.18%	-0.27%	0.10%	0.50%	-4.06%	-0.41%	-1.80%	-1.80%	-0.61%
Average Cohort Size											
<i>Avg K-5th Class Size</i>	2,987	3,058	3,012	2,967	2,945	2,938	2,720	2,701	2,668	2,619	2,600
<i>Avg 6-8 Class Size</i>	3,022	3,067	3,119	3,118	3,126	3,116	3,006	2,974	2,853	2,813	2,802
<i>Avg 9-12 Class Size</i>	2,795	2,836	2,882	2,924	2,960	3,028	3,042	3,056	3,028	2,966	2,949
<i>All Cohorts</i>	2,936	2,991	2,997	2,989	2,992	3,007	2,885	2,873	2,821	2,770	2,754

Additional detail by grade and school level is available in the enrollment summary (attached).