

## Information in preparation for Elementary staffing for the 2026-2027 school year.

### Current enrollment. Updated April 8.

Kindergarten	27	Second grade	28	Fourth grade	40
Frist grade	38	Third grade	36	Fifth grade	26

### Projected enrollment for 2026-2027. Update April 8.

Kindergarten	26	Second grade	38	Fourth grade	36
Frist grade	27	Third grade	27	Fifth grade	40

### Review of staffing discussions:

- February discussions with grade level staff, most focused on incoming kindergarten, third and fifth grade staffing.
- Tentative FY27 Budget Adjustments submitted for the 2-9-26 school board meeting.
- 2-11-26 - Elementary staff meeting highlighting the recommendations from the 2-9-26 board meeting. Continued discussions with grade levels.
- 3-9-26 School Board meeting.
- 3-10-26 Kindergarten Registration Night – parents turning in registration for kindergarten to firm up our number from projection. Increase in projected number from 22 to 26.
- 3-11-26 - Elementary staff meeting – with updates from school board meeting and registration night.
- 3-17-26 Meet and Confer meeting - Direction to identify and fully examine all possible no-cost or budget-neutral options for maintaining two second grade class sections, as well as any other viable alternatives that may help us achieve the best possible outcomes for students. This discussion should include a full evaluation of educational expertise and instructional impact, while remaining mindful of our overall budget constraints and fiscal responsibilities.
- 3-20-26 Workshop Day – open staff meeting to discuss options for grade levels with 11 staff present.  
Discussion of possible staffing strategies. Defined what it would mean for students and staff as well as positives and challenges of: Looping, Departmentalization (platooning), Pushing in (with special education or ADSIS staff), traditional self contained classrooms. Additional discussion arose of combining two grade levels into three sections.

Using these discussions, staff examined the options for how we can best meet the needs of students utilizing 10 classroom teachers or 11 classroom teachers. These options were examined highlighting the budget implications with the *Tentative FY 27 Budget Adjustments – April 7 update*.

**The Elementary staff examined the positives and challenges of the six options shown. The staff is ready to implement these options.**