



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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RE: Demographic Study

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The report analyzes population and housing trends within Oak Park Elementary School District 97 and assesses the implications of these trends for future enrollments at the individual schools and the District as a whole.

The objective of this report is fourfold. First, to highlight the residential development patterns and demographic dynamics underlying historical enrollment changes in the District. Second, the assessment of annual enrollment changes in District 97 schools since 2005–06 and analyze student migration/transfer patterns and other sources of these enrollment changes. Third, the discussion of potential new housing development, housing turnover (including teardowns) and other factors impacting family in-migration that will shape future enrollments in the District and the individual schools. Finally, to project enrollment, by grade and by year, for each of the eight elementary schools through school year 2021–22, and for Brooks and Julian Middle Schools and the District as a whole through schoolyear 2026-2027.

Although, District 97 is basically built-out, future new housing development will likely have quite small impacts. Future student migration patterns will vary substantially; however, predicated on the degree of housing turnover (including teardowns), driven by economic conditions and mortgage interest rates.

For this reason three sets of enrollment projections will be provided for the District as a whole and for Brooks and Julian Middle Schools through 2026–27. Individual elementary schools will be projected through 2021–22. These projections will be presented in the form of separate series based on the following assumptions:

Series A: Enrollment projection assuming future fertility rates remain constant (through 2021) and that housing turnover and resulting in-migration of families with preschool age and school age children are less than anticipated through 2026–27;

Series B: Enrollment projection assuming future fertility rates remain constant (through 2021) and that housing turnover and resulting in-migration of families with preschool age and school age children occur as anticipated through 2026–27;

Series C: Enrollment projection assuming future fertility rates remain constant (through 2021) and that housing turnover and resulting in-migration of families with preschool age and school age children are greater than anticipated through 2026-2027.

The detailed data and assumptions are presented in the report