

DRAFT - USD 368 Enrollment Projection & Nonresident Enrollment Report

Per K.S.A [72-3123](#), [72-3124](#), and [72-3126](#), before May 1st of each year, the superintendent of schools or designee will develop and submit a recommendation to the board of education declaring the projected enrollment and number of open seats available to nonresident students. By June 1 of each year, the district will publish on its website, at a minimum, the number of students expected to attend the district in the next school year and the number of open seats available to nonresident students. Included in this report are recommended actions the board of education is asked to take to fulfill such statutory requirement.

Enrollment Projection Determination

Outlined in this report is a collection of data and considerations used to prepare a recommendation to the board of education to approve enrollment projections and the number of seats available to nonresident students.

Student Count according to Sept. 20 SO66 Report						
	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024 -2025	Average
PreK	37	26	37	27	32	31.8
K	102	102	120	106	111	108.2
1	125	115	110	113	113	115.2
2	107	134	118	113	122	118.8
3	126	105	142	116	105	118.8
4	125	141	112	147	121	129.2
5	115	137	149	116	147	132.8
6	136	125	143	147	118	133.8
7	139	144	137	149	149	143.6
8	123	144	151	135	146	139.8
9	153	127	147	160	136	144.6
10	133	154	133	149	160	145.8
11	157	134	153	135	148	145.4
12	148	154	125	145	123	139
LM	55	59	39	52	54	51.8
Total	1781	1801	1816	1810	1785	1798.6

Other Enrollment Considerations

It is critical that the district maintain a student-teacher ratio that maximizes learning while remaining fiscally responsible. Additionally, the district must maintain appropriate physical space to efficiently and effectively educate students. These physical spaces may include but are not limited to classrooms, hallways, commons areas, dining, playground, parking, and offices. District goals for the appropriate student enrollment range for each district school is outlined below.

District Enrollment Goals

Student-Teacher Ratio (PreK-5) / Grade Cohort Goal (6-12)														
School	Recommended Capacity	KG	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Pre-K	36													
CES	450	19-21	20-22	21-23										
SES	450				22-24	22-24	22-24							
PMS	486							156	162	168				
PHS	720										180	180	180	180

The district contracted with RSP & Associates to conduct an enrollment analysis during the 2020-2021 school year. Based off these estimates, current enrollment, census data, local birth rates, and housing availability the district projects that the student enrollment has a high likelihood of decreasing over the next few years.

Program Student Enrollment

There are a number of student programs throughout the district that require specialized resources, including but not limited to staffing, physical space, equipment, technology, and training. It is critical for effective student learning and staff support that these programs do not exceed the maximum capacity for which the district has adequate resources. These programs and the current enrollment are outlined in the following tables.

Program student enrollment (Grades K-8)

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Program	Total Seats	KG	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Vocal Music	180	19-21	20-22	21-23	22-24	22-24	22-24	60	60	60
Band	180							60	60	60
Virtual Learning	2	0						2		
Hillsdale Academy - Behavior	8							8		
Life Skills	22	12				10				
Level 1 @ Osaw.	12	12								
Level 2 @ Louis.	12				12					
Level 3 @ Paola	15							15		
ECKA - Behavior	20	20								

Program Enrollment (Grades 9-12)

Program Student Enrollment (Grades 9-12)						
Program	Total Seats	9th	10th	11th	12th	Projected Seats Available
Alternative School	15	15				0
Automotive - Flint Hills Tech	6				12	0
HVAC - Neosho County CC	5				6	-1
Welding - Neosho County CC	5				5	0
Welding - Fort Scott CC	5				6	-1
CNA - Fort Scott CC	15				17	-2
Criminal Justice	8				3	5
Vocal Music	65	60				5
Band	80	79				1
Virtual Learning	24	16				8
Hillsdale Academy - Behavioral	12	12				0
Hillsdale Academy - Life Skills	10	10				0
Level 4 @ Prairie View	16	16				0

Enrollment projections are for informational purposes only and do not guarantee class availability.

Student Enrollment Projections and Capacity

Enrollment projections incorporate all of the data identified in this report to the best of our ability and in order to operate at maximum effectiveness and efficiency.

2025-2026 Enrollment Projections based on 2024-2025 Enrollment

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School	Total Count	KG	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Pre-K	36													
CES	321	105	103	113										
SES	348				122	105	121							
PMS	414							147	118	149				
PHS	590										146	136	160	148

2025-2026 Nonresident Student Enrollment Capacity Projection based on Projected Number of Sections

2025-2026 Nonresident Enrollment Capacity Projection														
School	Total Count	KG	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
# Sections		6	5	6	6	5	5							
Pre-K	0													
CES	36	15	2	19										
SES	35				16	15	4							
PMS	72							9	44	19				
PHS	130										34	44	20	32

2025-2026 Nonresident Student Enrollment Capacity Projection based on Increased Number of Sections

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School	Total Count	KG	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
# Sections		6	6	6	6	6	6							
Pre-K	0													
CES	57	15	23	19										
SES	84				16	39	29							
PMS	72							9	44	19				
PHS	130										34	44	20	32

The above information is for informational purposes and will serve as a general guideline to make open enrollment decisions of nonresident students. USD 368 does not guarantee class availability. The district reserves the right to amend capacity if a situation comes up beyond its control. (i.e. – number of sections is decreased due to a teacher resignation that cannot be filled causing the recommended Pupil/Teacher Ratio, etc.)

Current nonresident students enrolled during the 2024-2025 school year and are in good standing will not need to apply as a nonresident student for the 2025-2026 school year. District administration will notify parents/guardians of current nonresident students who are not in good standing by **May 15**.

A nonresident student will not be accepted when enrollment requires the acquisition of additional district resources, including but not limited to personnel, technology hardware or software, square footage, physical equipment, transportation services, or contracted services.

Acceptance of nonresident students will not be based on ethnicity, national origin, gender, income level, disabling condition, proficiency in the English language, measure of achievement, aptitude and athletic ability, however if capacity does not exist in a program that provides any nonresident student assurance of a FAPE, the enrollment request may be subsequently denied.

If a nonresident student is accepted into the district and later found to have an IEP that includes transportation between the residence and assigned school, the district is not required to provide transportation outside of district boundaries.

Out of District enrollment does not guarantee KSHSAA activities eligibility. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to understand eligibility and transfer requirements before submitting their enrollment application.

Adopted by the USD 368 Board of Education on April 14, 2025.