Enrollment Update

October 13, 2026

WENATCHEE
SCHOOL DISTRICT

District-Wide Intentional Enrollment Activities

Valley Academy of Learning

New location has allowed the program to almost double in size in two years

WestSide High School

High waitlists help create new programs and re-assigned staff to support it.

Choice Revisions

Changing processes to allow student and family flexibility

WHS Accelerated Pathways

(Year Two)

Creative opportunities to allow students to take College in the High School courses and obtain transfer credits/degrees

Advertising

Intentional advertising through billboards and digital ads to help families understand programs such as Accelerated Pathways and Dual Language.

WHS Quality and Rigor Continuing

CTE Growth & Options

Continuing to offer great programs while creating new opportunities in high school to grow engagement and outcomes.

Athletics and Activities

Offering a robust array of athletics and extracurricular programs.

Fine Arts

High caliber fine arts programs including drama, theater, Folklorico, sculpture, painting, and many additional forms of creative expression.

Music Programs

Our music programs brings and keep students engaged in our schools. From Choir, to Chamber Singers, to Mariachi, Orchestra, to the Golden Apple Band, drumline, and Jazz Band.

College Prep & Rigor

Intentional work to build out Dual-Credit and College in the High School Options while continuing to offer AP Course and AVID.

Addressing Enrollment Decline

Listening to Community

Intentionally listening to our families and students.

Supporting Growth Areas

Supporting areas where student growth has been consistent.

Instructional Collaboration

Working with instructional leaders to understand areas where the district can support additional students in creative ways.

Removing Historical Barriers

Breaking down historical barriers that have kept students in their neighborhoods. Centralized decision-making.

The Results - Greater Student Retention

As a result of these district-wide intentional efforts to listen, collaborate, support areas for potential growth, and remove barriers, we have...

5th → 6th

Increased Grade Transition

Experienced an increase in the number of students making the transition from 5th grade to 6th grade in the district from 2025/26 to 2026/27

-50%

Private & Charter School Outflow

Realized a 50% decrease in the number of student leaving the district for private or charter schools in the last school year.

The Results - Increased Enrollment

Our October Count Showed that the hard work is paying off.

-244

Projected Decline

Projections all pointed to a 244 student decline in enrollment

+205

Above Projections

October count shows that we are 205 students better than projected

-39

Actual Decline

Enrollment only declined 39 students in total

Questions, Comments, Celebrations?