



WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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The 2025–2026 school year has begun with a slight decline in enrollment compared to budget projections. As of today, enrollment is 33 students below projections, bringing the K–12 total to 5,197. By comparison, K–12 enrollment on October 1, 2024, was 5,187. These figures will likely shift in the coming days and weeks, and a full update will be provided once October 1st enrollment data is reported to the Connecticut State Department of Education. It is important to note that these totals do not include preschool students or those placed in approved external educational programs; those numbers will be incorporated in the updated enrollment report released in early October.

At the elementary level we have seen a decrease from enrollment projections of 57 students across the five schools. The decrease in enrollment is most notable at Greens Farms - 36. All of the other elementary schools fell slightly below their projections, but the decreases are negligible when spreading them across the six grade levels. Below is a breakdown by school.

CES: Coleytown Elementary School has 6 fewer students than projected, but based on the disbursement of students, CES has one extra section than budgeted for at Grade 3.

GFS: Greens Farms Elementary School has 36 fewer students than projected and based on the disbursement of students, GFS has one fewer section at kindergarten than budgeted for.

KHS: Kings Highway Elementary School has 7 fewer students than projected, but based on the disbursement of students, KHS has one extra section than budgeted for at Grade 2.

LLS: Long Lots Elementary School has 1 less student than projected. The school made its target of 27 sections, but there was one less Kindergarten section than projected and one more Grade 4 section than projected.

SES: Saugatuck Elementary School has 7 fewer students than projected, but based on the disbursement of students, SES reached its target of 24 sections.

It should be noted that Grade 1 at GFS had two late withdrawals which could have led to a reduction in one section, but given the timing of these withdrawals they do not allow the proper amount of time to revisit staffing levels and class assignments. In addition, there will most likely be additional students added during the year which would bring the enrollment at that grade level within the class section guidelines.

Enrollment figures at LLS and SES indicate that the targeted redistricting was successful. At LLS, two sections were reduced, while at SES, the addition of three sections has allowed for more effective use of available space.

At the middle school level we have 6 more students than projected across the two schools, but the variations in enrollment across grade levels is minimal.

At Staples High School we have seen an increase from enrollment projections of 18 students. The largest number enrolled as freshman, sophomores, and juniors.

As noted earlier, an enrollment update will be provided in early October. This will be used for initial work on developing the FY27 budget.

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School	MAX 22			MAX 25			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	K-12
	K	1	2	3	4	5								
Coleytown Elem	74	60	89	73	85	89								470
# projected sections	4	3	5	3	4	4								23
Coleytown Elem	66	64	87	75	83	89								464
# actual sections	4	3	5	4	4	4								24
Greens Farms Elem	74	68	82	85	91	89								489
# projected sections	4	4	4	4	4	4								24
Greens Farms Elem	52	63	78	81	92	87								453
# actual sections	3	4	4	4	4	4								23
Kings Highway Elem	73	71	85	73	87	75								464
# projected sections	4	4	4	3	4	4								23
Kings Highway Elem	75	69	87	66	84	76								457
# actual sections	4	4	5	3	4	4								24
Long Lots Elem	92	90	79	102	96	87								546
# projected sections	5	5	4	5	4	4								27
Long Lots Elem	82	87	84	104	101	87								545
# actual sections	4	5	4	5	5	4								27
Saugatuck Elem	72	72	66	82	89	78								459
# projected sections	4	4	4	4	4	4								24
Saugatuck Elem	68	68	68	85	86	77								452
# actual sections	4	4	4	4	4	4								24
K-5 Total Projected	385	361	401	415	448	418								2428
# projected sections	21	20	21	19	20	20								121
K-5 Total Actual	343	351	404	411	446	416								2371
# actual sections	19	20	22	20	21	20								122
Bedford Middle (projected)							226	234	251					711
Bedford Middle (actual)							233	238	250					721
							Difference	7	4	-1				10
Coleytown Middle (projected)							150	172	157					479
Coleytown Middle (actual)							147	169	159					475
							Difference	-3	-3	2				-4
Staples High School (projected)										385	418	394	415	1,612
Staples High School (actual)										391	424	398	417	1,630
										Difference	6	6	4	2
Total K-12 (projected enrollment)														5,230
Total K-12 (actual enrollment)														5,197
													Difference	-33