



WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Subject: Preliminary Enrollment Report 2026-2027

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Preliminary K-12 enrollment for the 2026 to 2027 school year is 5,193 students. This represents an increase of ten (10) students from the October 1, 2025 enrollment of 5,183. Although the current total is fifty-eight (58) students below the enrollment used for budget projections, the year over year comparison shows that overall district enrollment has remained stable, with modest growth.

These preliminary figures will likely shift in the coming days and weeks. A full update will be provided after October 1 enrollment data is reported to the Connecticut State Department of Education. The current totals do not include preschool students or students placed in approved external educational programs. Those figures will be included in the October report.

Elementary schools: Elementary enrollment is 2,375 students, an increase of twelve (12) students from 2,363 on October 1, 2025. While overall elementary enrollment is relatively stable, the distribution of students among schools and grade levels continues to affect section planning. This impact was most significant at Saugatuck Elementary School (SES), where enrollment exceeded projections by thirty-five (35) students and required the addition of two sections. Kindergarten enrollment at SES was significantly higher than projected and required one of those additional sections. These increases moved the district from 119 budgeted elementary sections to 121.

CES: Coleytown Elementary School is operating twenty-three (23) sections. The distribution of students resulted in one fewer Kindergarten section and one additional Grade 2 section than anticipated.

GFS: Greens Farms Elementary School is operating twenty-two (22) sections. The distribution of students resulted in one fewer Kindergarten section and one additional Grade 2 section than anticipated.

KHS: Kings Highway Elementary School is operating twenty-three (23) sections, consistent with the planned number of sections at each grade level.

LLS: Long Lots Elementary School is operating twenty-eight (28) sections, consistent with the planned number of sections at each grade level.

SES: Saugatuck Elementary School is operating twenty-five (25) sections. Enrollment exceeded projections by thirty-five (35) students. The distribution of students by grade required an additional Kindergarten section and an additional Grade 3 section.

Middle schools: Middle school enrollment is 1,202 students, an increase of seven (7) students from 1,195 on October 1, 2025. Bedford Middle School increased by one (1) student and Coleytown Middle School increased by six (6) students. Each school is seven (7) students below projection, resulting in a combined enrollment that is fourteen (14) students below projection.

Staples High School: Enrollment at Staples is 1,616 students, a decrease of nine (9) students from 1,625 on October 1, 2025. The current total is forty (40) students below the enrollment projection.

The October enrollment report will provide finalized school and grade level data and will inform the district's initial work in developing the FY28 budget.

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	MAX 22			MAX 25										
School	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	K-12
Coleytown Elem	71	66	64	92	76	84								453
# projected sections	4	4	3	4	4	4								23
Coleytown Elem	63	65	65	86	75	84								438
# actual sections	3	4	4	4	4	4								23
Greens Farms Elem	75	54	64	81	80	93								447
# projected sections	4	3	3	4	4	4								22
Greens Farms Elem	53	50	67	78	79	90								417
# actual sections	3	3	4	4	4	4								22
Kings Highway Elem	76	77	74	89	66	88								470
# projected sections	4	4	4	4	3	4								23
Kings Highway Elem	77	81	69	88	68	91								474
# actual sections	4	4	4	4	3	4								23
Long Lots Elem	97	83	91	85	104	104								564
# projected sections	5	4	5	4	5	5								28
Long Lots Elem	94	83	94	88	106	101								566
# actual sections	5	4	5	4	5	5								28
Saugatuck Elem	67	71	67	68	87	85								445
# projected sections	4	4	4	3	4	4								23
Saugatuck Elem	92	65	67	75	92	89								480
# actual sections	5	4	4	4	4	4								25
K-5 Total Projected	386	351	360	415	413	454								2379
# projected sections	21	19	19	19	20	21								119
K-5 Total Actual	379	344	362	415	420	455								2375
# actual sections	20	19	21	20	20	21								121
Bedford Middle (projected)							258	229	242					729
Bedford Middle (actual)							254	232	236					722
							Difference	-4	3	-6				-7
Coleytown Middle (projected)							170	148	169					487
Coleytown Middle (actual)							158	152	170					480
							Difference	-12	4	1				-7
Staples High School (projected)										420	390	431	415	1,656
Staples High School (actual)										411	389	424	392	1,616
										Difference	-9	-1	-7	-40
Total K-12 (projected enrollment)														5,251
Total K-12 (actual enrollment)														5,193
													Difference	-58