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## FY24 Enrollment and Class Size Report

## Introduction

On October 1 of each year, Wayland Public Schools is required to record and report the total number of students enrolled by grade and demographic to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). DESE and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts use October 1 enrollment to calculate the Town of Wayland's Foundation Enrollment and Chapter 70 funding. October 1 enrollment is also used by the district's administration to project class sizes and to identify trends in enrollment for subsequent years, which form the baseline upon which the district's operating and capital budgets are developed. Essentially, student enrollment projections drive staffing levels and the enrollment trends identified in out-years inform the district's multi-year budget forecast models.

The Enrollment and Class Size Report provides a summary of 2023-24 October 1 enrollment by grade, school, and elementary classroom. The report concludes with projected enrollment and elementary class sizes for the 202425 school year and forecasted trends through FY30.

## FY24 Actual Enrollment

## Actual Enrollment

Total Pre-K to Grade 12 enrollment in the Wayland Public Schools on October 1, 2023 totaled 2,749 students. October 1, 2023 enrollment by grade and school is illustrated in the table below:

| FY24 ACTUAL ENROLLMENT GRADES PREK TO 12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| School | Pre-K | Half Day <br> K | K | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Total Actual |
| The Children's Way Preschool | 46 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 46 |
| Claypit Hill Elementary School |  | 3 | 81 | 76 | 85 | 95 | 74 | 75 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 489 |
| Happy Hollow Elementary School |  | 2 | 50 | 45 | 60 | 63 | 64 | 61 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 345 |
| Loker Elementary School |  |  | 59 | 53 | 64 | 67 | 68 | 66 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 377 |
| Wayland Middle School |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 247 | 217 | 204 |  |  |  |  | 668 |
| Wayland High School |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 197 | 200 | 219 | 208 | 824 |
| Total Actual | 46 | 5 | 190 | 174 | 209 | 225 | 206 | 202 | 247 | 217 | 204 | 197 | 200 | 219 | 208 | 2749 |

A summary of student enrollment by level as of October 1 follows:

- Pre-K -46 students
- Half Day Kindergarten - 5 students
- Full Day Kindergarten - 190 students
- Grades K-5-1211 students
- Grades 6-8-668 students
- Grades 9-12-824 Students

For comparison, FY24's projected enrollment for K-12 is outlined in the table on the page to follow:

| FY24 PROJECTED ENROLLMENT GRADES K TO 12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| School | Half Day | K | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Total Projected K-12 |
| The Children's Way Preschool |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | n/a |
| Claypit Hill Elementary School | n/a | 77 | 73 | 80 | 93 | 70 | 73 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 466 |
| Happy Hollow Elementary School | n/a | 56 | 44 | 59 | 66 | 64 | 61 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 350 |
| Loker Elementary School | n/a | 73 | 53 | 63 | 66 | 66 | 66 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 387 |
| Wayland Middle School |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 267 | 228 | 207 |  |  |  |  | 702 |
| Wayland High School |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 192 | 202 | 235 | 202 | 831 |
| Total Projected | n/a | 206 | 170 | 202 | 225 | 200 | 200 | 267 | 228 | 207 | 192 | 202 | 235 | 202 | 2736 |
| Total Actual | 5 | 190 | 174 | 209 | 225 | 206 | 202 | 247 | 217 | 204 | 197 | 200 | 219 | 208 | 2703 |
| Actual -Projected | 5 | -16 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 2 | -20 | -11 | -3 | 5 | -2 | -16 | 6 | 33 |
| K-5 8 | 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6-8 -34 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $9-12$-7 -7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

There were no published FY24 projections for Pre-K, therefore the total enrollment noted in the table above reflects grades K-12 only.

The most significant changes in enrollment by grade between this year's actual and projected enrollment for K-12 was the 20 student decrease in actual over projected enrollment in Grade 6 and the decrease of 11 students in Grade 7. Grade 2 showed the largest increase over its projection by seven students followed by Grades 4 and 12, each with an increase of six students over their enrollment projection. Grade 6 is the district's largest grade with 247 students and Grade 1 is the smallest with 174 students enrolled. Changes from projected enrollment by level shows that the elementary grades K-5 enrolled eight more students than projected, whereas the secondary schools enrolled 41 fewer students in total than anticipated this school year; the middle school enrolled 34 fewer students than projected and the high school enrolled seven fewer students than expected.

Although FY24's actual enrollment for K-12 was below projected enrollment by a total of 33 students, it was seven students higher than last year's enrollment of 2691 students.

## Boston Resident Student Enrollment

Of the total 2,749 students attending grades Pre-K through 12 in the Wayland Public Schools as of October 1, 2023, 131 students are Boston residents enrolled in the METCO program, of which Wayland has been a participating community for more than 50 years. Communities that participate in the METCO program are awarded a grant each year to support the educational opportunities for students enrolled. In addition, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts includes Boston resident students into the Foundation Formula used to calculate the Town's annual Chapter 70 aid.

Boston resident students enrolled in the Wayland Public Schools this school year by grade and school are noted below:

| BOSTON RESIDENT STUDENTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| School | PK | K | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Total |
| The Children's Way Preschool |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Claypit Hill Elementary School |  | 3 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 21 |
| Happy Hollow Elementary School |  | 6 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 15 |
| Loker Elementary School |  | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 10 |
| Wayland Middle School |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 17 | 9 | 9 |  |  |  |  | 35 |
| Wayland High School |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 14 | 19 | 11 | 6 | 50 |
| Total | 0 | 11 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 13 | 17 | 9 | 9 | 14 | 19 | 11 | 6 | 131 |

Of the 131 Boston residents enrolled, 46 students are enrolled at the elementary school level, 35 at the middle school, and 50 at the high school. The total number of Boston resident students enrolled in Wayland Public Schools remains relatively consistent from year to year. Six students are scheduled to graduate this year. Therefore, the district may enroll six kindergarten age students in FY25 to maintain the same total enrollment of Boston resident students.

## Non-resident Staff Student Enrollment

In addition to 131 Boston residents enrolled in the district, 69 students of non-resident staff members attend the Wayland Public Schools this school year: 21 students attend elementary schools, 14 attend the middle school, and 34 attend the high school. The total number of non-resident staff students enrolled varies from year to year and enrollment is dependent upon space availability. Enrollment by grade and school for non-resident staff is outlined below:

| NON-RESIDENT STAFF STUDENTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| School | PK | K | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Total |
| The Children's Way Preschool |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Claypit Hill Elementary School |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 7 |
| Happy Hollow Elementary School |  | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6 |
| Loker Elementary School |  | 1 | 3 |  | 1 | 1 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 8 |
| Wayland Middle School |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 5 | 4 | 5 |  |  |  |  | 14 |
| Wayland High School |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6 | 6 | 7 | 15 | 34 |
| Total | 0 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 15 | 69 |

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts includes staff non-resident students into the Foundation Formula used to calculate the Town's annual Chapter 70 aid. As illustrated in the table above, it is expected that 15 non-resident staff students will graduate this school year.

## English Language Acquisition Student Enrollment

The Commonwealth mandates specific services to be delivered to English Language Acquisition learners (ELA) based on students' proficiency levels within specific learning environments. A total of 89 students have been identified as ELA students: 72 students enrolled in Pre-K through grade 5, 12 students in middle school, and 5 students in high school:

| ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION STUDENTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| School | PK | K | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Total |
| The Children's Way Preschool | 13 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 13 |
| Claypit Hill Elementary School |  | 5 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 30 |
| Happy Hollow Elementary School |  | 3 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 16 |
| Loker Elementary School |  | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 13 |
| Wayland Middle School |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6 | 4 | 2 |  |  |  |  | 12 |
| Wayland High School |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  |  | 2 | 5 |
| Total | 13 | 10 | 8 | 18 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 89 |

## Special Education Student Enrollment

The number of students on individual education plans can vary significantly from year to year depending on the changing needs of students. October 1, 2023 Special Education enrollment totaled 524 and made up $19.1 \%$ of the district's total enrollment.

| SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| School | PK | $K$ | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Total |
| The Children's Way Preschool | 17 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 17 |
| Claypit Hill Elementary School |  | 13 | 16 | 18 | 20 | 21 | 11 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 99 |
| Happy Hollow Elementary School |  | 4 | 1 | 13 | 8 | 13 | 13 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 52 |
| Loker Elementary School |  | 3 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 15 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 51 |
| Wayland Middle School |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 45 | 53 | 42 |  |  |  |  | 140 |
| Wayland High School |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 42 | 37 | 45 | 41 | 165 |
| Total | 17 | 20 | 24 | 38 | 36 | 45 | 39 | 45 | 53 | 42 | 42 | 37 | 45 | 41 | 524 |

As of October 1 there were 37 students enrolled in out of district placements, including Collaborative, Private, Public, and Residential educational settings outside of the Wayland Public Schools district.

Over the last several years, Wayland has enhanced the district's capacity to effectively serve more students with broad and varying needs in-district rather than in out-of-district tuition-based programs. Efforts have been made to follow the recommendations by Special Education Consultants to deliver services to students more cost effectively by building capacity within the Wayland Public Schools community. In fact, last year, The Children's Way became an official program offered through the Wayland Public Schools and listed below are the growing special education in-district programs that serve 107 students provided at each level, PreK through High School:

## Pre-K: Serving 25 Students

- The Children's Way - Special Education Integrated Preschool, a fully integrated program with children who are developing typically as well as children who have special education needs.


## Elementary: Serving 35 Students

- Claypit Hill Elementary School - Individualized Learning Center (ILC), designed to meet students diagnosed on the Autism spectrum.
- Claypit Hill Elementary School - Skills Improvement Program (SKIP, designed to provide educational services to students who present with social, emotional, and behavioral challenges.
- Claypit Hill Elementary School - Language Based Classroom (LBC, designed for students who experience difficulty with processing language both verbally and written.


## Secondary: Serving 47 Students

- Wayland Middle School - Specialized Academic and Independent Learning Skills (SAILS), designed to meet the needs of students diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum.
- Wayland Middle School - Alternative Resource Center (ARC), provides a setting for students with primarily emotional and behavioral needs.
- Wayland Middle School - Language Alternative Program (LAP), designed for students who are functioning academically at two to four years below grade level.
- Wayland High School - Alternative Learning Resource Team (ALRT), provides more frequent and intensive services for students with emotional and behavioral needs.
- Wayland High School - Life Skills, designed for students who require more comprehensive programming and transition skills planning in preparation for adult living.


## Elementary Learning Spaces

The number of students by school, grade, and classroom varies from year to year and drives staffing levels along with the demographic make-up of learners enrolled in each classroom. In addition to the number of students driving staffing levels, the demographic make-up of our learners drives the need for appropriate learning services and spaces.

Each school building provides dedicated space for special subjects, such as technology, music, wellness education, and art. However, it is becoming increasingly challenging to create learning spaces to deliver instruction to particular students who may require small group instruction, such as our special education students and English Language Learners.

The availability of appropriate instructional spaces is growing scare in our elementary schools. Spaces for delivering many of our educational services have been created by renovating offices, conference rooms, and even custodial storage areas. Hallways, book rooms, and copier/work rooms have been transformed into learning spaces. Books, copiers, and equipment are stored and used in corridors, which presents obstacles for safe passage through the hallways. Parent and professional meetings have moved into public spaces such as the cafeterias and libraries. As our student demographics have changed, the creation of more appropriate learning spaces has become more challenging and there is no indication that the needs for smaller group instructional space will decrease anytime soon.

A number of solutions are being considered to address the shortage of appropriate learning spaces in our district. For example, $\$ 288,000$ in capital funding has been appropriated to the Wayland Public Schools over the last two years to engage in work to develop a Long Range Space Needs Assessment that will study and plan for improved school building capacity for $21^{\text {st }}$ Century Learning. The district aims to have a long range study completed by the late spring of 2024.

## Elementary Class Size

This year, our 1211 elementary aged students are assigned to 61 classroom sections. The average class size across our elementary schools range from 19 to 21 students. The School Committee's Target Upper Limit for class size ranges from 20 to 25 students. Illustrated on the page to follow is a summary of FY24's average class size by grade level at each elementary school:

| FY24 Elementary School Average Class Size |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Claypit Hill | Total | Sections | Average Class Size | Target Upper Limit |
| Kindergarten | 84 | 4 | 21 | 20 |
| Grade 1 | 76 | 4 | 19 | 20 |
| Grade 2 | 85 | 4 | 21 | 23 |
| Grade 3 | 95 | 5 | 19 | 23 |
| Grade 4 | 74 | 4 | 19 | 25 |
| Grade 5 | 75 | 4 | 19 | 25 |
| Total | 489 | 25 | 20 |  |
| Happy Hollow |  |  |  |  |
| Kindergarten | 52 | 3 | 17 | 20 |
| Grade 1 | 45 | 3 | 15 | 20 |
| Grade 2 | 60 | 3 | 20 | 23 |
| Grade 3 | 63 | 3 | 21 | 23 |
| Grade 4 | 64 | 3 | 21 | 25 |
| Grade 5 | 61 | 3 | 20 | 25 |
| Total | 345 | 18 | 19 |  |
| Loker |  |  |  |  |
| Kindergarten | 59 | 3 | 20 | 20 |
| Grade 1 | 53 | 3 | 18 | 20 |
| Grade 2 | 64 | 3 | 21 | 23 |
| Grade 3 | 67 | 3 | 22 | 23 |
| Grade 4 | 68 | 3 | 23 | 25 |
| Grade 5 | 66 | 3 | 22 | 25 |
| Total | 377 | 18 | 21 |  |
| Combined Total | 1211 | 61 | 20 |  |

## FY25 to FY30 Projected Enrollment

The New England School Development Council (NESDEC) was engaged to prepare enrollment forecasts for Wayland Public Schools from FY25 through FY30 by grade level using a Cohort Survival Ratio Methodology (CSR), which captures a three-year average student migration between grades. Ratios include Boston and Staff students' non-resident enrollment and are influenced by several factors including but not limited to birth rates, availability of dwelling units, housing market turnover, number of building permits, residential and commercial construction, and private and public school enrollment patterns.


Although the NESDEC projections will be used to project FY 25 enrollment, it is always unclear how much inmigration enrollment the Wayland Public Schools will experience given the availability and cost of housing. NESDEC relies on birth rates to forecast Kindergarten enrollment, a process which can be unreliable. Birth rates have declined over the last few years from 121 births in 2018 for FY24 K enrollment to 104 births in 2019 for FY25 K enrollment and 87 births in 2020 for FY26 K enrollment. Projected enrollment reflects a slight decrease overall for the next few years with some ebbs and flows through grade levels.

On average we see a migration ratio of about $170 \%$ between births and Kindergarten enrollment and a ratio of about $110 \%$ from Kindergarten to Grade 1, indicating that "move ins" take place in the early elementary school years. From grades 2 to 8 , enrollment migration from year to year becomes more stable. Migration between grades 2 and 8 is level at a ratio of 1 to 1 , with very few moves in during the years. There are no other current construction plans for larger residential units in Wayland.

The stability of migration between grades 2 through 8 may be due, in part, to the lack of new home construction. Since FY22, two building permits have been issued for new residential units. The Oxbow residential development, formerly called River's Edge, was the last multi-unit residential development constructed in Wayland, increasing enrollment over the last two years by a total of 16 students districtwide: 13 students at Claypit Hill, 2 at Wayland Middle School, and 1 at Wayland High School.

Whereas elementary and middle school migrations trend at about 100\%, the three-year average migration trend for high school, especially grades 10 and 11 is approximately $97 \%$. At the high school level, a slight decrease in migration between grades occurs when some students choose to attend other school settings, such as Vocational/Technical Schools or Private/Parochial Schools. The January 1, 2023 enrollment summary from the School Attending Report reflects the number of students enrolled in other school settings outside of Wayland Public Schools. The table shows 85 students in grades 9-12 attending vocational/technical schools and private/ parochial schools outside of Wayland:

| SCHOOL ATTENDING REPORT, JANUARY 1, 2023 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grade | Vocational Technical Regional Schools | Out-of-District Public Schools | Home Schooled | In State Private and Parochial Schools | Out-of-State Private and Parochial Schools |
| Kindergarten |  |  |  | 4 |  |
| Grade 1 |  |  |  | 10 |  |
| Grade 2 |  |  |  | 7 |  |
| Grade 3 |  |  |  | 12 |  |
| Grade 4 |  | 1 | 2 | 6 |  |
| Grade 5 |  |  |  | 11 | 1 |
| Grade 6 |  |  | 2 | 20 |  |
| Grade 7 |  |  |  | 18 |  |
| Grade 8 |  |  |  | 22 |  |
| Grade 9 |  |  | 1 | 19 |  |
| Grade 10 |  |  |  | 23 |  |
| Grade 11 | 1 | 1 |  | 22 |  |
| Grade 12 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 17 | 2 |
| TOTAL | 4 | 3 | 7 | 191 | 3 |

A summary by grade level of actual enrollment over the last ten years and projected enrollment through FY30 prepared by NESDEC is illustrated on the following pages. The table reflects the migration of student cohorts by grade level and the bar chart that follows reflects actual and projected enrollment from FY88 to FY30 by level (elementary, middle, high). The number of students appears to have steadily increased from FY88 through FY04

[^0]then declined for about eight years followed by level enrollment. Between FY24 and FY30, enrollment is projected to decline slightly:

| WAYLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS <br> ACTUAL ENROLLMENT from FY14-FY24 <br> ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS for FY25-FY30 Using 3 Year Cohort Survival |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | FY14 | FY15 | FY16 | FY17 | FY18 | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 | FY22 | FY23 | FY24 | FY25 | FY26 | FY27 | FY28 | FY29 | FY30 |
| Oct. 1 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 |
| Birth year | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023* | 2024* |
| Births | 94 | 105 | 99 | 112 | 124 | 120 | 123 | 127 | 116 | 94 | 121 | 104 | 87 | 129 | 127 | 107 | 110 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | *Est. B |  |
| K | 161 | 165 | 171 | 184 | 208 | 170 | 202 | 202 | 197 | 170 | 195 | 172 | 144 | 213 | 177 | 181 | 177 |
| Grade 1 | 190 | 176 | 184 | 183 | 196 | 225 | 178 | 202 | 224 | 202 | 174 | 204 | 180 | 150 | 223 | 185 | 189 |
| Grade 2 | 194 | 207 | 178 | 191 | 190 | 204 | 238 | 183 | 205 | 225 | 209 | 178 | 208 | 184 | 153 | 228 | 189 |
| Grade 3 | 191 | 198 | 221 | 184 | 185 | 194 | 211 | 234 | 192 | 200 | 225 | 211 | 179 | 210 | 186 | 154 | 230 |
| Grade 4 | 202 | 199 | 214 | 227 | 195 | 185 | 194 | 212 | 242 | 200 | 206 | 233 | 218 | 185 | 217 | 193 | 159 |
| Grade 5 | 236 | 194 | 207 | 217 | 236 | 202 | 190 | 192 | 218 | 249 | 202 | 211 | 238 | 223 | 189 | 222 | 197 |
| Grade 6 | 223 | 234 | 193 | 208 | 221 | 242 | 206 | 199 | 204 | 218 | 247 | 207 | 216 | 244 | 228 | 194 | 227 |
| Grade 7 | 218 | 220 | 233 | 198 | 209 | 217 | 241 | 201 | 198 | 203 | 217 | 246 | 206 | 215 | 243 | 227 | 193 |
| Grade 8 | 222 | 218 | 218 | 232 | 208 | 210 | 211 | 242 | 200 | 200 | 204 | 218 | 247 | 207 | 216 | 244 | 228 |
| Grade 9 | 202 | 218 | 206 | 214 | 234 | 199 | 202 | 213 | 232 | 206 | 197 | 202 | 216 | 245 | 205 | 214 | 242 |
| Grade 10 | 234 | 196 | 215 | 205 | 210 | 235 | 198 | 196 | 213 | 222 | 200 | 193 | 198 | 212 | 240 | 201 | 210 |
| Grade 11 | 208 | 233 | 193 | 220 | 202 | 208 | 230 | 196 | 191 | 207 | 219 | 196 | 189 | 194 | 208 | 235 | 197 |
| Grade 12 | 203 | 207 | 226 | 192 | 213 | 204 | 206 | 233 | 195 | 189 | 208 | 218 | 195 | 188 | 193 | 207 | 234 |
| TOTAL K-12 | 2,684 | 2,665 | 2,659 | 2,655 | 2,707 | 2,695 | 2,707 | 2,705 | 2,711 | 2,691 | 2,703 | 2,689 | 2,634 | 2,670 | 2,678 | 2,685 | 2,672 |
| Delta | -26 | -19 | -6 | -4 | 52 | -12 | 12 | -2 | 6 | -20 | 12 | -14 | -55 | 36 | 8 | 7 | -13 |
| \% Growth | -1.0\% | -0.7\% | -0.2\% | -0.1\% | 1.9\% | -0.4\% | 0.4\% | -0.1\% | 0.2\% | -0.7\% | 0.4\% | -0.5\% | -2.0\% | 1.4\% | 0.3\% | 0.3\% | -0.5\% |
| PK |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 63 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 47 | 47 | 48 | 48 |
| K-5 | 1,174 | 1,139 | 1,175 | 1,186 | 1,210 | 1,180 | 1,213 | 1,225 | 1,278 | 1,246 | 1,211 | 1,209 | 1,167 | 1,165 | 1,145 | 1,163 | 1,141 |
| 6-8 | 663 | 672 | 644 | 638 | 638 | 669 | 658 | 642 | 602 | 621 | 668 | 671 | 669 | 666 | 687 | 665 | 648 |
| 9-12 | 847 | 854 | 840 | 831 | 859 | 846 | 836 | 838 | 831 | 824 | 824 | 809 | 798 | 839 | 846 | 857 | 883 |
| TOTAL PREK-12 | 2,684 | 2,665 | 2,659 | 2,655 | 2,707 | 2,695 | 2,707 | 2,705 | 2,711 | 2,754 | 2,749 | 2,735 | 2,680 | 2,717 | 2,725 | 2,733 | 2,720 |
| \# Change | -26 | -19 | -6 | -4 | 52 | -12 | 12 | -2 | 6 | 43 | -5 | -14 | -55 | 37 | 8 | 8 | -13 |
| \% Change | -1.0\% | -0.7\% | -0.2\% | -0.2\% | 2.0\% | -0.4\% | 0.4\% | -0.1\% | 0.2\% | 1.6\% | -0.2\% | -0.5\% | -2.0\% | 1.4\% | 0.3\% | 0.3\% | -0.5\% |



## Use of Buffer Zones

To maintain equitable class sizes across the district, "buffer zones" have been designated for each elementary school. Buffer zones are used to assign students based on the capacity of each elementary school building. The zones are defined as areas in town from which individual addresses may be assigned to one of three elementary schools. Once assigned to a school, a student remains in that school throughout elementary school. To view Wayland Public Schools buffer zones, click here: Wayland Public Schools Buffer Zones.

The buffer zones may be refined from year to year to strategically manage and accommodate growing elementary school enrollment with approval by the School Committee. Originally the geographic enrollment lines were drawn to support two sections for each grade level at Loker, three sections per grade level at Happy Hollow and four sections per grade level at Claypit Hill. Since then, the district has adopted a K-5 Spanish Immersion program, which resides at Loker, and has expanded its in district special education programs, which reside at Claypit Hill.

## Budgeting for Projected Enrollment

Enrollment projections are used to develop the next year's budgets for staffing, spaces and non-personnel supplies and services. Staffing levels at all grade levels are predicated upon the number and demographics of students reasonably expected to be enrolled at the start of the school year. Elementary enrollment numbers by school and by grade are used in conjunction with the School Committee's Class Size Policy Guidelines to determine the
number of classroom sections needed at each grade level, which in turn drives the number of classroom teachers and specialists (e.g. art, music, and wellness teachers) required at each school and grade level.

Although NESDEC provided projections by grade level for FY25, the organization did not project enrollment by elementary school. Instead, the school department's Finance and Operations office projected grade level elementary enrollment and class sizes for each elementary school for FY25, using the Cohort Survival Ratio Methodology.

The section that follows provides more detailed elementary enrollment and class size projections for the next school year.

## FY 2025 Projected Elementary Enrollment Class Size by School

Each year, projected enrollment is broken down to projected class sizes. Illustrated in the tables below are class sizes per elementary school by grade for this year and compared to next year's projected class sizes. This information may change based on new information related to shifts in enrollment and changes in students' demographics. Reflected in the charts that follow are the number of Boston resident students and staff nonresident students by school and grade:

| 2023-2024 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CLAYPIT HILL OCTOBER 1 CLASS SIZE |  |  |  |  |  |
| Claypit Hill | 1-Oct | Boston | Non Resident | Target | Target vs. |
|  |  | Resident | Staff Students |  | October 1 |
|  |  | Students |  |  | (Available |
|  |  |  |  |  | Capacity) |
| Kindergarten | 21 |  |  | 20 | -1 |
| 4 sections | 21 |  |  | 20 | -1 |
|  | 21 |  |  | 20 | -1 |
|  | $\underline{21}$ |  |  | $\underline{20}$ | -1 |
|  | 84 | 3 | 1 | 80 | -4 |
| Grade 1 | 19 |  |  | 20 | 1 |
| 4 sections | 21 |  |  | 20 | -1 |
|  | 17 |  |  | 20 | 3 |
|  | 19 |  |  | $\underline{20}$ | $\underline{1}$ |
|  | 76 | 2 | 1 | 80 | 4 |
| Grade 2 | 21 |  |  | 23 | 2 |
| 4 sections | 21 |  |  | 23 | 2 |
|  | 21 |  |  | 23 | 2 |
|  | $\underline{22}$ |  |  | $\underline{23}$ | 1 |
|  | 85 | 0 | 1 | 92 | 7 |
| Grade 3 | 20 |  |  | 23 | 3 |
| 5 sections | 19 |  |  | 23 | 4 |
|  | 17 |  |  | 23 | 6 |
|  | 18 |  |  | 23 | 5 |
|  | $\underline{21}$ |  |  | $\underline{23}$ | $\underline{2}$ |
|  | 95 | 6 | 3 | 115 | 20 |
| Grade 4 | 19 |  |  | 25 | 6 |
| 4 sections | 18 |  |  | 25 | 7 |
|  | 18 |  |  | 25 | 7 |
|  | 19 |  |  | $\underline{25}$ | $\underline{6}$ |
|  | 74 |  |  | 100 | 26 |
|  |  | 5 | 1 |  |  |
| Grade 5 | 19 |  |  | 25 | 6 |
| 4 sections | 19 |  |  | 25 | 6 |
|  | 19 |  |  | 25 | 6 |
|  | $\underline{18}$ |  |  | $\underline{25}$ | $\underline{7}$ |
|  | 75 | 5 | 0 | 100 | 25 |
| Combined Total | 489 | 21 | 7 | 567 | 78 |
| Total sections | 25 |  |  |  |  |


| 2024-2025 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CLAYPIT HILL OCTOBER 1 CLASS SIZE |  |  |  |  |  |
| Claypit Hill | Projected | Boston | Non | Target | Target vs. |
|  |  | Resident | Resident |  | Projected |
|  |  | Students | Staff |  | (Available |
|  |  |  | Students |  | Capacity) |
| Kindergarten | 18 |  |  | 20 | 2 |
| Projected 4 sections | 18 |  |  | 20 | 2 |
|  | 18 |  |  | 20 | 2 |
|  | $\underline{18}$ |  |  | $\underline{20}$ | $\underline{2}$ |
|  | 72 | TBD | TBD | 80 | 8 |
| Grade 1 | 22 |  |  | 20 | -2 |
| Projected 4 sections | 22 |  |  | 20 | -2 |
|  | 22 |  |  | 20 | -2 |
|  | $\underline{23}$ |  |  | $\underline{20}$ | -3 |
|  | 89 | 3 | 1 | 80 | -9 |
| Grade 2 | 19 |  |  | 23 | 4 |
| Projected 4 sections | 19 |  |  | 23 | 4 |
|  | 20 |  |  | 23 | 3 |
|  | $\underline{20}$ |  |  | $\underline{23}$ | $\underline{3}$ |
|  | 78 | 2 | 1 | 92 | 14 |
| Grade 3 | 21 |  |  | 23 | 2 |
| Projected 4 sections | 21 |  |  | 23 | 2 |
|  | 22 |  |  | 23 | 1 |
|  | $\underline{22}$ |  |  | $\underline{23}$ | $\underline{1}$ |
|  | 86 | 0 | 1 | 92 | 6 |
| Grade 4 | 19 |  |  | 25 | 6 |
| Projected 5 sections | 19 |  |  | 25 | 6 |
|  | 20 |  |  | 25 | 5 |
|  | 20 |  |  | 25 | 5 |
|  | $\underline{20}$ |  |  | $\underline{25}$ | $\underline{5}$ |
|  | 98 | 6 | 3 | 125 | 27 |
| Grade 5 | 19 |  |  | 25 | 6 |
| Projected 4 sections | 19 |  |  | 25 | 6 |
|  | 19 |  |  | 25 | 6 |
|  | 19 |  |  | $\underline{25}$ | $\underline{6}$ |
|  | 76 | 5 | 1 | 100 | 24 |
| Combined Total | 499 | 16 | 7 | 569 | 70 |
| Projected sections | 25 |  |  |  |  |
| Change in sections | 0 |  |  |  |  |


| 2023-2024 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HAPPY HOLLOW OCTOBER 1 CLASS SIZE |  |  |  |  |  |
| Happy Hollow | 1-Oct | Boston | Non Resident | Target | Target vs. October 1 |
|  |  | Resident | Staff Students |  | (Available Capacity) |
|  |  | Students |  |  |  |
| Kindergarten | 17 |  |  | 20 | 3 |
| 3 sections | 17 |  |  | 20 | 0 |
|  | $\underline{18}$ |  |  | $\underline{20}$ | $\underline{0}$ |
|  | 52 | 0 | 1 | 60 | 0 |
| Grade 1 | 14 |  |  | 20 | 1 |
| 3 sections | 16 |  |  | 20 | 1 |
|  | $\underline{15}$ |  |  | $\underline{20}$ | $\underline{1}$ |
|  | 45 | 6 | 1 | 60 | 3 |
| Grade 2 | 20 |  |  | 23 | 1 |
| 3 sections | 20 |  |  | 23 | 0 |
|  | $\underline{20}$ |  |  | $\underline{23}$ | $\underline{0}$ |
|  | 60 | 2 | 1 | 69 | 1 |
| Grade 3 | 21 |  |  | 23 | 3 |
| 3 sections | 22 |  |  | 23 | 2 |
|  | $\underline{20}$ |  |  | $\underline{23}$ | $\underline{2}$ |
|  | 63 | 1 | 3 | 69 | 7 |
| Grade 4 | 22 |  |  | 25 | 4 |
| 3 sections | 21 |  |  | 25 | 4 |
|  | $\underline{21}$ |  |  | $\underline{25}$ | 4 |
|  | 64 | 1 | 1 | 75 | 12 |
| Grade 5 | 21 |  |  | 25 | 2 |
| 3 sections | 20 |  |  | 25 | 1 |
|  | $\underline{20}$ |  |  | $\underline{25}$ | $\underline{1}$ |
|  | 61 | 5 | 0 | 75 | 4 |
| Combined Total | 345 | 15 | 7 | 408 | 27 |
| Total sections | 18 |  |  |  |  |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HAPPY HOLLOW OCTOBER 1 CLASS SIZE |  |  |  |  |  |
| Happy Hollow | Projected | Boston | Non Resident | Target | Target vs. Projected |
|  |  | Resident | Staff Students |  | (Available Capacity) |
|  |  | Students |  |  |  |
| Kindergarten | 15 |  |  | 20 | 5 |
| Projected 3 sections | 15 |  |  | 20 | 5 |
|  | $\underline{16}$ |  |  | $\underline{20}$ | 4 |
|  | 46 | TBD | TBD | 60 | 14 |
| Grade 1 | 17 |  |  | 20 | 3 |
| Projected 3 sections | 18 |  |  | 20 | 2 |
|  | $\underline{18}$ |  |  | $\underline{20}$ | 2 |
|  | 53 | 0 | 1 | 60 | 7 |
| Grade 2 | 15 |  |  | 23 | 8 |
| Projected 3 sections | 15 |  |  | 23 | 8 |
|  | 16 |  |  | 23 | 7 |
|  | 46 | 6 | 1 | 69 | 23 |
| Grade 3 | 20 |  |  | 23 | 3 |
| Projected 3 sections | 20 |  |  | 23 | 3 |
|  | $\underline{20}$ |  |  | $\underline{23}$ | 3 |
|  | 60 | 2 | 1 | 69 | 9 |
| Grade 4 | 21 |  |  | 25 | 4 |
| Projected 3 sections | 22 |  |  | 25 | 3 |
|  | $\underline{22}$ |  |  | $\underline{25}$ | 3 |
|  | 65 | 1 | 3 | 75 | 10 |
| Grade 5 | 21 |  |  | 25 | 4 |
| Projected 3 sections | 22 |  |  | 25 | 3 |
|  | $\underline{22}$ |  |  | $\underline{25}$ | 3 |
|  | 65 | 0 | 1 | 75 | 10 |
| Combined Total | 335 | 9 | 7 | 408 | 73 |
| Projected sections | 18 |  |  |  |  |


| 2023-2024 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LOKER OCTOBER 1 CLASS SIZE |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loker | 1-Oct | Boston | Non Resident | Target | Target vs. October 1 |
|  |  | Resident | Staff Students |  | (Available Capacity) |
| Students |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kindergarten | 19 |  |  | 20 | 1 |
| 3 sections | 18 |  |  | 20 | 2 |
| Spanish Immersion | $\underline{22}$ |  |  | $\underline{22}$ | 0 |
|  | 59 | 1 | 2 | 62 | 3 |
| Grade 1 | 15 |  |  | 20 | 5 |
| 3 sections | 16 |  |  | 20 | 4 |
| Spanish Immersion | $\underline{22}$ |  |  | $\underline{22}$ | 0 |
|  | 53 | 2 | 2 | 62 | 9 |
| Grade 2 | 21 |  |  | 23 | 2 |
| 3 sections | 22 |  |  | 23 | 1 |
| Spanish Immersion | $\underline{21}$ |  |  | $\underline{23}$ | $\underline{2}$ |
|  | 64 | 3 | 0 | 69 | 5 |
| Grade 3 | 22 |  |  | 23 | 1 |
| 32 sections | 23 |  |  | 23 | 0 |
| Spanish Immersion | $\underline{22}$ |  |  | $\underline{23}$ | $\underline{1}$ |
|  | 67 | 1 | 0 | 69 | 2 |
| Grade 4 | 23 |  |  | 25 | 2 |
| 3 sections | 24 |  |  | 25 | 1 |
| Spanish Immersion | $\underline{21}$ |  |  | $\underline{25}$ | 4 |
|  | 68 | 1 | 2 | 75 | 7 |
| Grade 5 | 23 |  |  | 25 | 2 |
| 3 sections | 23 |  |  | 25 | 2 |
| Spanish Immersion | $\underline{20}$ |  |  | $\underline{25}$ | 5 |
|  | 66 | 2 | 0 | 75 | 9 |
| Combined Total | 377 | 10 | 6 | 412 | 35 |
| Total sections | 18 |  |  |  |  |


| 2024-2025 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LOKER PROJECTED CLASS SIZE |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loker | Projected | Boston | Non Resident | Target | Target vs. Projection |
|  |  | Resident | Staff Students |  | (Capacity) |
| Students |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kindergarten | 16 |  |  | 20 | 4 |
| Projected 4 sections | 16 |  |  | 20 | 4 |
| Spanish Immersion*est. | $\underline{22}$ |  |  | $\underline{22}$ | $\underline{0}$ |
|  | 54 | TBD | TBD | 62 | 8 |
| Grade 1 | 20 |  |  | 20 | 0 |
| Projected 3 sections | 20 |  |  | 20 | 0 |
| Spanish Immersion | $\underline{22}$ |  |  | $\underline{22}$ | $\underline{0}$ |
|  | 62 | 1 | 2 | 62 | 0 |
| Grade 2 | 16 |  |  | 23 | 7 |
| Projected 3 sections | 16 |  |  | 23 | 7 |
| Spanish Immersion | $\underline{22}$ |  |  | $\underline{23}$ | 1 |
|  | 54 | 2 | 2 | 69 | 15 |
| Grade 3 | 22 |  |  | 23 | 1 |
| Projected 3 sections | $\underline{22}$ |  |  | 23 | 1 |
| Spanish Immersion | $\underline{21}$ |  |  | $\underline{23}$ | $\underline{2}$ |
|  | 65 | 3 | 0 | 69 | 4 |
| Grade 4 | 24 |  |  | 25 | 1 |
| Projected 2 sections | 24 |  |  | 25 | 1 |
| Spanish Immersion | $\underline{22}$ |  |  | $\underline{25}$ | 3 |
|  | 70 | 1 | 0 | 75 | 5 |
| Grade 5 | 24 |  |  | 25 | 1 |
| Projected 2 sections | 25 |  |  | 25 | 0 |
| Spanish Immersion | $\underline{21}$ |  |  | $\underline{25}$ | 4 |
|  | 70 | 1 | 2 | 75 | 5 |
| Combined Total | 375 | 8 | 6 | 412 | 37 |
| Projected sections | 18 |  |  |  |  |
| Change in sections | 0 |  |  |  |  |


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