

Student Assignment and Projections Overview

Seattle Public Schools elementary, middle, and high school students are initially assigned to a designated attendance area school based on where the student lives. Students may also apply to attend another school, for multiple reasons (for example: choice assignments, program eligibility, etc.).

Projections are the expected number of students, for a specific time period, based on historical information.

Five year projections are developed annually for Capital Projects and Planning to prepare for student enrollment changes within the district's building capacity. They do not include service schools, are not used for school budgeting, and they do not take into consideration changes in school program offerings. These projections help to inform that decision making.

This series of five year projections was modeled using October 2015-January 2016 enrollment data, with the 2016-17 school projections as the first year. Area attendance trends came from moderate ten-year resident projections, built in late 2015.

School Boundary Assumptions

School boundaries were modeled using 2016-17 boundaries, with exceptions for Cedar Park, Loyal Heights, and Wing Luke Elementary Schools, Meany and Eagle Staff Middle Schools, which were modeled using the boundaries approved by the School Board in November 2013; and Lincoln High School which has been approximated from its historic boundary.

All new schools (Cedar Park, Meany, Eagle Staff and Lincoln) assume GeoSplits. GeoSplits occur when a new school opens to ensure that the new school has a viable population of students. The new school's boundaries will be developed from existing school boundaries in the surrounding neighborhoods- this means students who previously attended one attendance area school will be reassigned to their new attendance area school. Loyal Heights and Wing Luke, which are current schools, have boundary adjustments that align with their planned expansions. Grandfathered assignments as a result of 2017-18 boundary changes, and subsequent kindergarten roll-ups were assumed for Olympic View, Sacajawea, Viewlands, View Ridge, and Wedgwood.

In November 2016, the School Board will consider amendments to 2017-18 boundaries. Any changes to the approved boundaries from 2013, or the amendments included in these assumptions, would impact these projections. Among the proposed amendments are changes to the feeder pattern for Sanislo Elementary School. This document assumed Sanislo's middle school pathway school will become Denny International Middle School, beginning in 2017-18. These projections also assumed that the Sanislo attendance area will ultimately feed into Chief Sealth International High School- middle and high school boundaries in West Seattle have historically been aligned.

Program and Service Assumptions

Program and service locations were modeled to continue current placement. Highly Capable Cohort (HCC) rates were calculated based on historic growth. Additionally, HCC students are typically assigned to their pathway school and thus were removed from the projections for their attendance area schools. Schools offering Spectrum (AL) have historically attracted students from outside of their attendance area. As a result of class size reductions, and the expansion of Advanced Learning programs at other attendance area schools, a reduction in Spectrum (AL) enrollment from outside attendance areas is expected at the following schools: Arbor Heights, B. F. Day, Broadview-Thomson K-8, Fairmount Park, Hawthorne, John Muir, Lafayette, Lawton, Lowell, View Ridge, Wedgwood, Whittier, and Wing Luke. Special Education (SpEd) rates assumed a continuation of current placement and assignment levels.

Additional High School Assumptions:

- High school projections included typical grade progression ratios and accounted for the rate of new students that are expected to participate in Full-Time Running Start.
- Lincoln High School is expected to open in 2019-20. The projections for Lincoln were calculated from an approximation of its historic boundary (including the 2015-16 attendance areas for Green Lake, B. F. Day, West Woodland, Daniel Bagley, and Greenwood Elementary Schools.) Its opening has the implication of reducing populations at Ballard and Roosevelt. Program and service locations were modeled to continue current placement. Program and service planning will begin for Lincoln High School in early 2017, which will influence future projections for Lincoln.
- In November 2016, the School Board will consider amendments to 2017-18 boundaries. Among the proposed amendments are changes to the feeder pattern for Sanislo Elementary School. This document assumed Sanislo's middle school pathway school will become Denny International Middle School, beginning in 2017-18. These projections also assumed that the Sanislo attendance area will ultimately feed into Chief Sealth International High School- middle and high school boundaries in West Seattle have historically been aligned.

Total 9-12 Enrollment							Projected Change, 2016-20
High Schools	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	
Ballard	1665	1797	1812	1866	1557	1556	-241
Center School	263	235	228	221	215	219	-16
Chief Sealth Intl	1147	1071	1141	1170	1290	1428	357
Cleveland STEM	834	833	827	848	848	848	15
Franklin	1290	1214	1278	1249	1274	1278	64
Garfield	1672	1721	1888	2011	2160	2404	683
Ingraham	1211	1288	1300	1305	1374	1345	57
Lincoln	-	-	-	-	880	991	991
Nathan Hale	1175	1140	1148	1104	1107	1136	-4
Nova	344	251	255	255	255	255	4
Rainier Beach	655	649	699	744	744	759	110
Roosevelt	1689	1713	1813	1891	1418	1487	-226
West Seattle HS	934	986	964	927	972	989	3
Subtotal	12879	12898	13353	13591	14094	14695	1797

Additional Middle School Assumptions:

- Meany and Eagle Staff Middle Schools are expected to open in 2017-18. The projections for these new schools were calculated through pathway enrollment from feeder schools, as approved by the School Board in November 2013. The opening of these sites has the implication of reducing populations at Hamilton and Whitman (for Eagle Staff) and Washington (for Meany).
- In November 2016, the School Board will consider amendments to 2017-18 boundaries. Among the proposed amendments are changes to the feeder pattern for Sanislo Elementary School. This document assumed Sanislo's middle school pathway school will become Denny International Middle School, beginning in 2017-18. These projections also assumed that the Sanislo attendance area will ultimately feed into Chief Sealth International High School- middle and high school boundaries in West Seattle have historically been aligned.

Total 6-8 Enrollment (at Middle Schools)							
Middle Schools	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Projected Change, 2016-20
Aki Kurose	720	742	706	728	740	729	-13
Denny Intl	864	833	879	955	1035	1022	189
Eagle Staff	-	-	666	713	722	731	731
Eckstein	907	955	961	1032	1106	1094	139
Hamilton Intl	1098	1195	1031	1039	1044	1132	-63
Jane Addams	825	937	1019	1041	1149	1196	259
Madison	777	879	908	1053	1089	1116	237
McClure	554	561	550	590	564	573	12
Meany	-	-	493	547	582	574	574
Mercer Intl	1101	1197	1145	1186	1113	1114	-83
Washington	1079	1128	750	713	682	658	-470
Whitman	860	851	485	585	616	690	-161
Subtotal	8785	9278	9593	10182	10442	10629	1351

Additional Elementary and K-8 School Assumptions:

- Elementary schools within new middle school pathways were listed twice (once in the previous pathway and then in the new pathway after 2017).
- Thornton Creek Elementary School, beginning in fall 2016, is able to serve an additional class at each grade level in its new building. These projections assumed 4 Kindergarten cohorts rolling up in subsequent years.
- Cedar Park Elementary School is expected to open in 2017-18. Its projections were calculated by the boundaries approved by the School Board in November 2013, and current assignments at John Rogers and Olympic Hills Elementary Schools. Its opening has the implication of reducing populations at John Rogers and Olympic Hills. Revisions to Cedar Park’s boundaries are being considered by the School Board during November 2016.
- Kimball was assumed to continue in the Mercer pathway, which is a departure from the 2013 plan. This amendment, beginning in 2017-18, is still subject to School Board approval, but was recommended for due to additional physical capacity at Mercer and to minimize disruption to students.
- Madrona K-8 was assumed to become a K-5 elementary school, beginning in 2017-18. Middle school grade students were expected to be assigned to Meany, which would be their new pathway school. Madrona’s truncation will be considered by the School Board this winter.
- Boundary changes were approximated for Loyal Heights (new building opening in 2018) and Wing Luke (new building opening in 2020) Elementary Schools. Growth for these schools assumed cohort roll-ups from Kindergarten (and grandfathering for grades 1-5), taking portions of Adams and Whittier (for Loyal Heights), and portions of Maple and Van Asselt (for Wing Luke).

Total K-8 Enrollment (in Service Areas)							Projected Change, 2016-20
Elementary/K-8 Schools	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	
Aki Kurose Service Area							
Dunlap	300	280	289	305	311	324	44
Emerson	314	316	351	373	405	436	120
Graham Hill	351	360	361	335	351	339	-21
Martin Luther King, Jr.	323	312	300	292	294	291	-21
Rainier View	236	229	255	269	305	329	100
South Shore PK-8	618	630	651	670	684	689	59
Wing Luke	361	348	325	315	292	308	-40
Subtotal	2503	2475	2532	2559	2642	2716	241
Denny Service Area							
Arbor Heights	408	428	427	421	410	408	-20
Concord Intl	401	369	379	380	371	349	-20
Highland Park	355	360	353	349	340	341	-19
Roxhill	305	305	331	350	349	353	48
Sanislo	-	-	280	261	261	249	249
STEM K-8	405	481	539	527	514	514	33
West Seattle ES	416	433	439	460	457	466	33
Subtotal	2290	2376	2748	3048	2702	2680	304
Eagle Staff Service Area							
Broadview-Thomson K-8	-	-	607	612	606	604	604

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Cascadia	-	-	799	806	791	802	802
Daniel Bagley	-	-	426	424	421	416	416
Greenwood	-	-	338	314	316	308	308
Licton Springs K-8	-	-	156	153	155	155	155
Northgate	-	-	265	262	277	284	284
Subtotal	-	-	2594	2571	2566	2569	2569
Eckstein Service Area							
Bryant	592	592	588	567	573	562	-30
Laurelhurst	432	416	397	391	375	365	-51
Olympic View	453	484	476	455	434	403	-81
Sand Point	256	241	253	238	221	227	-14
Thornton Creek	415	445	485	536	565	590	145
View Ridge	591	570	534	509	460	438	-132
Wedgwood	482	486	472	441	397	370	-116
Subtotal	3221	3234	3205	3137	3025	2955	-279
Hamilton Service Area							
B. F. Day	285	290	293	338	377	399	109
Cascadia (at Lincoln)	753	770	-	-	-	-	-770
Green Lake	334	408	400	388	373	348	-60
John Stanford Intl	457	441	423	428	424	420	-21
McDonald Intl	453	473	468	458	428	422	-51
West Woodland	532	557	591	604	626	623	66
Subtotal	2814	2939	2175	2217	2228	2212	-727
Jane Addams Service Area							
Cedar Park	-	-	328	347	359	375	375
Hazel Wolf K-8	756	711	721	726	726	726	15
John Rogers	390	389	251	246	244	233	-156
Olympic Hills	294	325	197	237	276	326	1
Sacajawea	232	253	268	282	294	299	46
Subtotal	1672	1678	1765	1838	1899	1959	281
Madison Service Area							
Alki	413	395	375	351	326	279	-116
Fairmount Park	474	495	478	482	468	450	-45
Gatewood	430	416	415	424	427	422	6
Genesee Hill	643	676	726	730	725	730	54
Lafayette	480	472	446	429	434	447	-25
Pathfinder K-8	506	498	493	488	484	484	-14
Sanislo	273	275	-	-	-	-	-275
Subtotal	3219	3227	2933	2904	2864	2812	-415
McClure Service Area							
Catharine Blaine K-8	736	763	801	818	865	879	116
Coe	545	552	560	550	551	548	-4
John Hay	500	511	519	545	582	602	91
Lawton	426	446	513	553	595	641	195
Queen Anne	428	426	442	437	452	452	26
Subtotal	2635	2698	2835	2903	3045	3122	424

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Meany Service Area							
Leschi	-	-	381	377	385	397	397
Lowell	-	-	349	385	413	439	439
Madrona	-	-	275	297	320	338	338
McGilvra	-	-	273	271	257	253	253
Montlake	-	-	259	263	260	258	258
Stevens	-	-	283	251	212	202	202
TOPS K-8	-	-	478	484	484	484	484
Subtotal	-	-	2298	2328	2331	2371	2371
Mercer Service Area							
Beacon Hill Intl	459	438	422	407	400	384	-54
Dearborn Park Intl	373	372	377	368	354	344	-28
Hawthorne	391	396	388	384	382	382	-14
Kimball	429	417	425	409	414	406	-11
Maple	480	490	508	522	536	519	29
Orca K-8	415	382	392	339	376	415	33
Van Asselt	511	476	484	480	493	490	14
Subtotal	3058	2971	2996	2909	2955	2940	-31
Washington Service Area							
Bailey Gatzert	295	297	284	274	264	253	-44
John Muir	396	402	387	393	416	414	12
Leschi	368	380	-	-	-	-	-380
Lowell	314	320	-	-	-	-	-320
Madrona K-8	289	315	-	-	-	-	-315
McGilvra	275	288	-	-	-	-	-288
Montlake	264	261	-	-	-	-	-261
Stevens	337	306	-	-	-	-	-306
Thurgood Marshall	528	548	509	478	455	431	-117
TOPS K-8	484	481	-	-	-	-	-481
Subtotal	3550	3598	1180	1145	1135	1098	-2500
Whitman Service Area							
Adams	544	554	555	552	553	544	-10
Broadview-Thomson K-8	612	631	-	-	-	-	-631
Daniel Bagley	432	435	-	-	-	-	-435
Greenwood	346	343	-	-	-	-	-343
Licton Springs K-8	138	149	-	-	-	-	-149
Loyal Heights	427	418	407	420	443	462	44
North Beach	293	313	332	332	362	357	44
Northgate	242	249	-	-	-	-	-249
Salmon Bay K-8	670	660	661	664	664	664	4
Viewlands	383	397	433	436	446	450	53
Whittier	469	471	463	406	383	357	-114
Subtotal	4556	4620	2851	2810	2851	2834	21
Elementary/K-8 Subtotal	29518	29816	30109	30068	30243	30268	452
K-12 Total	51182	51992	53055	53841	54779	55592	3600

6-8 Enrollment (at K-8 Schools)							Projected Change, 2016-20
K-8 Schools	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	
Aki Kurose Service Area							
South Shore PK-8	257	264	263	262	265	270	6
Subtotal	257	264	263	262	265	270	6
Denny Service Area							
STEM K-8	52	119	179	195	210	210	91
Subtotal	52	119	179	195	210	210	91
Eagle Staff Service Area							
Broadview-Thomson K-8	-	-	164	177	176	180	180
Licton Springs K-8	-	-	54	54	57	57	57
Subtotal	-	-	218	231	233	237	237
Jane Addams Service Area							
Hazel Wolf K-8	279	260	265	270	270	270	10
Subtotal	279	260	265	270	270	270	10
Madison Service Area							
Pathfinder K-8	172	179	180	180	180	180	1
Subtotal	172	179	180	180	180	180	1
McClure Service Area							
Catharine Blaine K-8	206	214	229	235	260	270	56
Subtotal	206	214	229	235	260	270	56
Meany Service Area							
TOPS K-8	-	-	180	180	180	180	180
Subtotal	-	-	180	180	180	180	180
Mercer Service Area							
Orca K-8	126	90	88	35	72	111	21
Subtotal	126	90	88	35	72	111	21
Washington Service Area							
Madrona K-8	77	66	-	-	-	-	-66
TOPS K-8	167	178	-	-	-	-	-178
Subtotal	244	244	-	-	-	-	-248
Whitman Service Area							
Broadview-Thomson K-8	195	199	-	-	-	-	-199
Licton Springs K-8	39	47	-	-	-	-	-47
Salmon Bay K-8	352	353	357	360	360	360	7
Subtotal	586	599	357	360	360	360	-239
K-8 Totals	1922	1969	1959	1948	2030	2088	119
Total	1922	1969	1959	1948	2030	2088	119

K-5 Enrollment (in Service Areas)							Projected Change, 2016-20
Elementary/K-8 Schools	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	
Aki Kurose Service Area							
Dunlap	300	280	289	305	311	324	44
Emerson	314	316	351	373	405	436	120
Graham Hill	351	360	361	335	351	339	-21
Martin Luther King, Jr.	323	312	300	292	294	291	-21
Rainier View	236	229	255	269	305	329	100
South Shore PK-8	361	366	388	408	419	419	53
Wing Luke	361	348	325	315	292	308	-40
Subtotal	2246	2211	2269	2297	2377	2446	235
Denny Service Area							
Arbor Heights	408	428	427	421	410	408	-20
Concord Intl	401	369	379	380	371	349	-20
Highland Park	355	360	353	349	340	341	-19
Roxhill	305	305	331	350	349	353	48
Sanislo	-	-	280	261	261	249	249
STEM K-8	353	362	360	332	304	304	-58
West Seattle ES	416	433	439	460	457	466	33
Subtotal	2238	2257	2569	2553	2492	2470	213
Eagle Staff Service Area							
Broadview-Thomson K-8	-	-	443	435	430	424	424
Daniel Bagley	-	-	426	424	421	416	416
Greenwood	-	-	338	314	316	308	308
Licton Springs K-8	-	-	102	99	98	98	98
Northgate	-	-	265	262	277	284	284
Subtotal	-	-	1574	1534	1542	1530	1530
Eckstein Service Area							
Bryant	592	592	588	567	573	562	-30
Laurelhurst	432	416	397	391	375	365	-51
Olympic View	453	484	476	455	434	403	-81
Sand Point	256	241	253	238	221	227	-14
Thornton Creek	415	445	485	536	565	590	145
View Ridge	591	570	534	509	460	438	-132
Wedgwood	482	486	472	441	397	370	-116
Subtotal	3221	3234	3205	3137	3025	2955	-279
Hamilton Service Area							
B. F. Day	285	290	293	338	377	399	109
Cascadia (at Lincoln)	753	770	-	-	-	-	-770
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West Woodland	532	557	591	604	626	623	66
Subtotal	2814	2939	2974	3022	3019	3014	75
Jane Addams Service Area							
Cedar Park	-	-	328	347	359	375	375
Hazel Wolf K-8	477	451	456	456	456	456	5
John Rogers	390	389	251	246	244	233	-156
Olympic Hills	294	325	197	237	276	326	1
Sacajawea	232	253	268	282	294	299	46
Subtotal	1393	1418	1500	1568	1629	1689	271
Madison Service Area							
Alki	413	395	375	351	326	279	-116
Fairmount Park	474	495	478	482	468	450	-45
Gatewood	430	416	415	424	427	422	6
Genesee Hill	643	676	726	730	725	730	54
Lafayette	480	472	446	429	434	447	-25
Pathfinder K-8	334	319	313	308	304	304	-15
Sanislo	273	275	-	-	-	-	-275
Subtotal	3047	3048	2753	2724	2720	2632	-416
McClure Service Area							
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Coe	545	552	560	550	551	548	-4
John Hay	500	511	519	545	582	602	91
Lawton	426	446	513	553	595	641	195
Queen Anne	428	426	442	437	452	452	26
Subtotal	2429	2484	2606	2668	2785	2852	368
Meany Service Area							
Leschi	-	-	381	377	385	397	397
Lowell	-	-	349	385	413	439	439
Madrona K-8	-	-	275	297	320	338	338
McGilvra	-	-	273	271	257	253	253
Montlake	-	-	259	263	260	258	258
Stevens	-	-	283	251	212	202	202
TOPS K-8	-	-	298	304	304	304	304
Subtotal	-	-	2118	2148	2151	2191	2191
Mercer Service Area							
Beacon Hill Intl	459	438	422	407	400	384	-54
Dearborn Park Intl	373	372	377	368	354	344	-28
Hawthorne	391	396	388	384	382	382	-14
Kimball	429	417	425	409	414	406	-11
Maple	480	490	508	522	536	519	29
Orca K-8	289	292	304	304	304	304	12
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Lowell	314	320	-	-	-	-	-320
Madrona K-8	212	249	-	-	-	-	-249
McGilvra	275	288	-	-	-	-	-288
Montlake	264	261	-	-	-	-	-261
Stevens	337	306	-	-	-	-	-306
Thurgood Marshall	528	548	509	478	455	431	-117
TOPS K-8	317	303	-	-	-	-	-303
Subtotal	3306	3354	1180	1145	1135	1098	-2256
Whitman Service Area							
Adams	544	554	555	552	553	544	-10
Broadview-Thomson K-8	417	432	-	-	-	-	-432
Daniel Bagley	432	435	-	-	-	-	-435
Greenwood	346	343	-	-	-	-	-343
Licton Springs K-8	99	102	-	-	-	-	-102
Loyal Heights	427	418	407	420	443	462	44
North Beach	293	313	332	332	362	357	44
Northgate	242	249	-	-	-	-	-249
Salmon Bay K-8	318	307	304	304	304	304	-3
Viewlands	383	397	433	436	446	450	53
Whittier	469	471	463	406	383	357	-114
Subtotal	3970	4021	2494	2450	2491	2474	14
Elementary/K-8 Totals	27596	27847	28150	28120	28213	28180	333
Total	27596	27847	28150	28120	28213	28180	333

HCC Assumptions:

- Program locations were modeled to continue current placement. Highly Capable Cohort (HCC) rates were calculated based on historic growth. Additionally, HCC students are typically assigned to their pathway school and thus were removed from the projections for their attendance area schools.
- Madison was assumed to draw all West Seattle HCC students (within the Madison and Denny service areas) from Washington. Fairmount Park was assumed to draw all West Seattle HCC students (within the Madison and Denny service areas) from Thurgood Marshall.
- Eagle Staff was assumed to draw HCC students within the Whitman and Eagle Staff service areas from Hamilton. Hamilton was assumed to serve HCC students within the McClure and Hamilton service areas.
- Ingraham was assumed to draw no more than 90 HCC 9th grade students, until additional capacity comes online in 2019.

HCC Enrollment

High Schools	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Projected Change, 2016-20
Garfield	508	585	752	914	1101	1348	763
Ingraham	283	351	363	363	393	398	47
Subtotal	791	936	1115	1277	1494	1746	810
Middle Schools	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	
Eagle Staff	-	-	296	329	353	376	376
Hamilton	552	624	379	409	436	469	-155
Jane Addams	285	324	360	399	454	461	137
Madison	-	40	112	189	235	247	207
Washington	340	380	406	430	420	400	20
Subtotal	1177	1368	1553	1756	1898	1953	585
Elementary/K-8 Schools	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	
Hamilton Service Area							
Cascadia (at Lincoln)	753	770	-	-	-	-	-770
Cascadia	-	-	799	806	791	802	802
Subtotal	753	770	799	806	791	802	32
Madison Service Area							
Fairmount Park	163	151	173	169	173	175	24
Subtotal	163	151	173	169	173	175	24
Washington Service Area							
Thurgood Marshall	320	321	283	255	253	241	-80
Subtotal	320	321	283	255	253	241	-80
Elementary/K-8 Totals	1236	1242	1255	1230	1217	1218	-24
Total	3204	3546	3923	4263	4609	4917	1371