

SY2021-22 Enrollment Update

School Committee

April 29, 2021



2020-21 and 2021-22 Enrollments

	SY 2020-21	SY 2021-22		
	(Oct. 1 SIMS)	Cohort survival	Actual Enrollment 4/29/2021)	Cropper & McKibben Forecast*
PK	154	154	188	252
Kindergarten	488	488	334	625
Grade 1	501	488	502	631
Grade 2	504	501	500	624
Grade 3	545	504	488	620
Grade 4	494	545	537	610
Grade 5	542	494	489	555
Grade 6	567	542	528	607
Grade 7	502	567	555	628
Grade 8	555	502	497	556
Grade 9	509	555	571	600
Grade 10	490	509	512	558
Grade 11	514	490	491	513
Grade 12	505	514	507	538
SP	20	20	18	19
Total	6890	6873	6717	7936

Notes:

- Decrease of 616 from Oct. 1 of SY2019-20 to Oct. 1 of SY2020-21

How Cropper forecasts were used:

- For budget purposes:
 - K and grade 1 - used the Cropper forecasts by school
 - grades 2-12 - used cohort survival by school

*Cropper & McKibben: [10 year enrollment forecasts produced February 2020](#)

SY 2021-22 Enrollment So Far: April 29, 2021 Snapshot

Total students PK-12:

- 6,717

Enrollment by Grade Span:

- K-8: 4,459 students
 - Kindergarten: 375*
 - Grade 1: 502
- BHS (9-SP): 2,081 students

Note:

- Kindergarten: Includes only those students fully registered plus estimated METCO and Materials Fee Placements

SY 2021-22 Forecast vs. Actual Enrollment

Enrollment projections during Initial budget planning

- ▶ Use Cropper projections for 2020-21 for K and 1 students; roll up 2020-21 enrollment for grades 2-12.
- ▶ Budgeted sections to account for the Cropper projections of 625 students in K and 630 in Grade 1.

Winter/Spring Kindergarten enrollment pace is slower than forecasted

- ▶ Currently 350 kindergarten and 502 Grade 1 students
- ▶ Enrollment will continue to grow through the Spring and Summer enrollment period
- ▶ Kindergarten and grade 1 enrollment is uncertain and volatile in the face of COVID recovery

Anticipating growth and planning for right-sized sections

Anticipated growth

- Enrollment is dynamic
- Need to ensure there are sections in reserve for continued growth through spring/summer

Average new summer enrollments (July-September)	
K	100
1	55
2-8	295
9-12	75

Next steps

Budget for what we have.

Plan for what history tells us to expect.

QUESTIONS?