



Most Impacted Schools

K-12 CURRENT ENROLLMENT & PROJECTIONS FOR ALL SCHOOLS AFFECTED

	CURRENT	PROJECTED*		
	25-26	25-26	26-27	27-28
Benton	642	707	666	622
Central	1646	1640	1621	1565
Lafayette	662	699	673	656
Robidoux	355	399	402	403
S. Garden	392	381	369	370
Field	334	241	241	240
Hyde	371	326	325	323
Pickett	231	215	215	214
Pershing	290	241	241	240
Webster	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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 Schools affected by BHS & CHS Model

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 Schools affected by LHS & CHS Model

**Low-range projections based on the 2018-2019 Enrollment and Demographic Study by Preston Smith at Business Information Services, LLC.*

Alternatives Considered

STATUS QUO

High School Enrollment vs Capacity
Total high school optimum capacity: 3,866
Total high school students: 2,950
Total high school empty seats: 916

- Inefficiencies with space and staffing
- Continued decline of operating fund balance



BENTON & LAFAYETTE MODEL

Total optimum capacity: 2,134
Total high school students: 2,878

- Insufficient capacity
- Requires major additions
- Parking concerns

ONE SCHOOL CENTRAL MODEL

Total optimum capacity: 1,732
Total high school students: 2,878

- Insufficient capacity
- Major additions or eminent domain required
- Would be the largest high school in MO
 - Blue Springs = 2,396 students

Board Policy and Possible Action

BOARD POLICY FC

Process for School Closings, Consolidations, and Reorganizations

Before any facility is permanently closed, the board will convene a hearing, or a series of hearings if appropriate, to elicit public comment regarding the proposed action. The superintendent or designee will develop procedures for the conduct of the public hearings. Before any school closing, consolidation, or reorganization is proposed, the superintendent's staff shall prepare an impact analysis setting forth:

1. Possible alternatives to the proposed action, including maintenance of the status quo.
2. The projected impact that each alternative would have on each school affected by such action.
3. Enrollment data for the current school year and three-year enrollment projections for all schools affected by the proposed action.

After approval by the board, the superintendent shall be responsible for the orderly closing, consolidation or reorganization of the school.

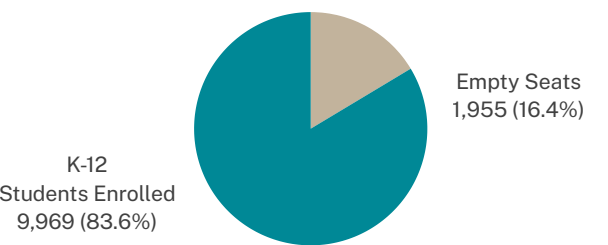
POSSIBLE ACTION

- After multiple options presented, the Board of Education provided direction for the Superintendent and Administration to provide additional data for two models:
- Lafayette & Central
 - Benton & Central

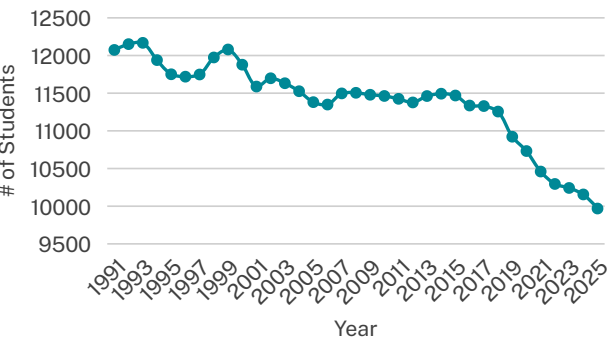
IMPACT ANALYSIS

Current school capacity does not align with student enrollment across the district. Maintaining three high schools, along with other underutilized facilities, creates significant inefficiencies and added costs.

District Enrollment vs Capacity as of May 2025



District Enrollment Trends 1991-2025



Lafayette & Central Model

PROJECTED IMPACT

Students & Families

Number of Students Displaced: 2,242
Additional Extracurricular Opportunities
Additional Course Offerings

Staffing

Total Number of Staff Impacted: 253
Certified Staff: 165
Classified Staff: 79
Administrators: 9

Instructional

- Students
 - Lafayette = 1,171
 - Central = 1,813
 - Projected Average Class Sizes (Consistent with DESE Guidelines)
 - Elementary
 - K-2: 21
 - 3-4: 23
 - 5-6: 25
 - Middle: 25-33
 - High: 25-33
- Relocate Webster Programming

Operational

Facilities

- 2 Buildings Repurposed
- 3 Buildings Retired

Utilities Savings
Facility Upgrades/Maintenance
Financial Impact Long-Term

Community

Neighborhood Identity and Pride

Lafayette & Central Model

SCHOOLS AND PROJECTED ENROLLMENT

		26-27	27-28	28-29
ELEMENTARY	Carden Park	572	570	554
	Coleman	432	422	416
	Edison	356	356	355
	Ellison	315	309	293
	Field	370	365	360
	Hosea	478	475	477
	Lindbergh	489	477	469
	Oak Grove	408	398	384
	Parkway	434	425	417
	Pershing	291	279	281
	Skaith	447	453	448
MIDDLE	Spring Garden	579	573	571
	Benton	542	549	548
	Bode	252	246	249
	Robidoux	319	329	326
HIGH	Truman	340	335	317
	Central	1813	1774	1763
	Lafayette	1171	1174	1137

Early Learning Centers: Lake, Mark Twain
Retired Sites: Hyde, Pickett, Webster

Benton & Central Model

PROJECTED IMPACT

Students & Families

Number of Students Displaced: 2,316
Additional Extracurricular Opportunities
Additional Course Offerings

Staffing

Total Number of Staff Impacted: 261
Certified Staff: 170
Classified Staff: 83
Administrators: 8

Instructional

- Students
 - Benton = 1,070
 - Central = 1,914
 - Projected Average Class Sizes (Consistent with DESE Guidelines)
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	Hyde	395	390	388
	Lindbergh	489	477	469
	Oak Grove	481	472	450
	Parkway	399	394	387
	Pickett	225	222	225
	Robidoux	568	550	552
MIDDLE	Skaith	414	417	414
	Bode	364	350	338
	Lafayette	575	590	610
	Spring Garden	266	277	276
HIGH	Truman	248	241	217
	Benton	1070	1044	1020
	Central	1914	1903	1880

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