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2 HIGH SCHOOL MODEL

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FEEDER PATTERN CHECK

AREA	ELEMENTARY (PK-4)	INTERMEDIATE (5-6)	MIDDLE SCHOOL (7-9)	HIGH SCHOOL (10-12)
East Side Area 1	Viola [27] Grant Wood [15] Erskine [14] Trailside [28] Kenwood [19] Hiawatha [25] JSA [15]	Harding	Kennedy	Washington
West Side Area 2	West Willow [29] Hoover [29] Van Buren [29] —---------- CRA [18] Grant [17] Harrison [29]	Maple Grove Wilson	Taft Roosevelt	Jefferson

Viability Scores:
Capacity + Physical Condition + Operational Costs

29 Highest possible score

CAPACITY & UTILIZATION

	ELEMENTARY (PK-4)	INTERMEDIATE (5-6)	MIDDLE SCHOOL (7-9)	HIGH SCHOOL (10-12)
Student Enrollment	**6,242 = 3,121 target each area (95% Capacity)**	**1,971 = 986 target each area (90% capacity)**	**3,077 =1,539 Target each area (91% Capacity)**	**3,506 - 313 (Metro) = 3193 ~1597 target each area (95% Capacity)**
East Side **Area 1**	Viola **(633)** Grant Wood **(386)** Erskine **(400)** Trailside **(600)** Kenwood **(506)** Hiawatha **(391)** JSA **(449)** **Total Capacity: (3,365)**	Harding **(1038)** **Total Capacity: (1,038)**	Kennedy **(1,845)**	Washington **(1626 + new Construction)**
West Side **Area 2**	West Willow **(600)** Hoover **(600)** Van Buren **(600)** —---------- CRA **(342)** Grant **(386)** Harrison **(600)** **Total Capacity: (3,128)**	Maple Grove **(600)** Wilson **(546)** **Total Capacity: (1,146)**	Taft **(684)** Roosevelt **(846)** **Total Capacity: (1,530)**	Jefferson **(1,734 + new construction)**

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FAMILY PRIORITIES

- Fine Arts
- Athletics & Extracurriculars
- Mental Health and Wellness Supports
- Early Childhood Education
- Advanced placement, Honors, and Dual Credit opportunities



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COST SAVINGS CHECK

Closed Buildings + Cost Savings	Wright (1 M) Nixon (1 M) Truman (1 M) Cleveland (1 M) Pierce (1 M) **Cost Savings: 5 Million**	Franklin (1.5 M) McKinley (1.5 M) **Cost Savings: 3 Million +**	Additional Savings: • Reduced staffing/cut positions contingent on 2 Areas • Kennedy converted to a 7-9 building

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RESEARCH

Taking 9th grade out of the high school.	https://www.publicschoolreview.com/blog/should-9th-grade-be-separate-from-high-school
Rethinking grade spans to better align with developmental and executive functioning reality.	https://diversifiededucationservices.com/rethinking-grade-spans-an-executive-func on-coachs-perspective-on-why-the-6-8-9-12-model-fails-kids/

That means 6th graders are developmentally closer to 4th- or 5th-graders than to teenagers. And many 9th graders (particularly boys) are still operating on **emotional reflex, not regulation**.

In practical terms? These students struggle to:

- **Prioritize tasks** across multiple teachers.
- Manage a locker, digital calendar, and s**ocial pressures** all at once.
- **Tolerate frustration** or bounce back from setbacks without spiraling.

But our systems expect them to perform like adults in training. (Boxer, 2025)

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PROS & CONSIDERATIONS

PLUSES:	CONSIDERATIONS:
• Buildings at Capacity (90% or higher) ○ Current HSs are operating at 81% capacity • Cost Savings - (8 M +) • Special Programs (AP, Honors, dual enrollment) will have more than 5-10 students in a class. This allows the ability to offer more choices. It also takes the strain off other class enrollments. • Special Education won't be spread so thin and services could be provided at all schools. • Competitive Districts with 10-12 as HS (green below)	• Could also do Washington as 7-9 building and Kennedy as the 10-12 building • We would keep all 3 conventional high school buildings. • Distributes the communities diversity and SES more equally between 2 feeder patterns. • If enrollment continues to decline, would this be something to consider in future years? • PK or K-6→7-9 Junior High→10-12 High School

District Name	School Name	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	10-12 Total
West Des Moines Comm School District	Valley High School	0	687	711	662	2,060
Southeast Polk Comm School District	Southeast Polk High School	0	611	539	614	1,764
Johnston Comm School District	Johnston Senior High School	0	581	608	573	1,762
Des Moines Independent Comm School District	Lincoln High School	559	521	516	622	1,659
Linn-Mar Comm School District	Linn-Mar High School	578	575	535	546	1,656
Waukee Comm School District	Northwest High School	0	557	542	529	1,628
Ankeny Comm School District	Ankeny Centennial High School	0	495	517	518	1,530
Des Moines Independent Comm School District	Roosevelt High School	438	506	484	525	1,515
Des Moines Independent Comm School District	East High School	430	476	427	560	1,463
Waukee Comm School District	Waukee High School	0	509	471	471	1,451
Ankeny Comm School District	Ankeny High School	0	468	444	489	1,401
College Comm School District	Prairie High School	442	442	457	436	1,335
Cedar Falls Comm School District	Cedar Falls High School	0	436	427	430	1,293

Current Jeff/Wash Projections

Dept of Ed Website

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BOARD QUESTIONS