

Derby Public Schools Enrollment Projection & Non-Resident Enrollment Report for K-12th grade



DERBY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Per K.S.A [72-3123](#), [72-3124](#) and [72-3126](#), before May 1 of each year, the Superintendent of Schools or designee will develop and submit a recommendation to the Board of Education declaring the projected enrollment and number of open seats available to non-resident students. By June 1 of each year, the district will publish on its website, at a minimum, the number of students expected to attend the district in the next school year and the number of open seats available to nonresident students. Included in this report are recommended actions the Board of Education is asked to take to fulfill the statutory requirement. The Derby Public Schools Board also approved that after non-resident approval and enrollment occurs, all non-resident students will need to be screened for academic performance in reading, math and science.

Enrollment Projection Determination

Outlined in this report is a collection of data and considerations used to prepare a recommendation to the Board of Education to approve enrollment projections and the number of seats available to nonresident students.



Table 1.1 - Current Student Enrollment (as of March 1, 2026)

		Grade Level												
School	Total	KDG	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Cooper	237	39	39	41	32	40	46							
Derby Hills	366	53	60	61	67	68	57							
El Paso	252	46	33	42	45	42	44							
Oaklawn	224	31	28	38	44	48	35							
Park Hill	371	64	60	61	53	70	63							
Stone Creek	428	65	70	69	68	83	73							
Swaney	369	62	59	54	63	70	61							
Tanglewood	340	47	55	47	64	60	67							
Wineteer	369	65	68	59	60	67	50							
Derby Middle School	789							242	273	274				
Derby North Middle School	837							277	281	279				
Derby High School	2,035										595	507	503	471
TOTAL	6,617													

Table 1.2 - Historical Student Enrollment by Building (as of September 20)

School	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-2025	2025-2026
Cooper	239	263	250	256	264	256
Derby Hills	340	388	370	415	415	419
El Paso	244	277	247	277	296	291
Oaklawn	235	219	196	225	239	234
Park Hill	351	413	375	401	387	397
Stone Creek	352	413	407	446	441	451
Swaney	393	401	349	341	346	384
Tanglewood	377	375	384	344	350	340
Wineteer	383	399	353	354	379	413
Derby Middle School	852	875	868	806	841	789
Derby North Middle School	827	793	841	851	832	840
Derby High School	2,173	2,140	2,231	2,295	2,175	2,187

* Note: Excludes St. Mary's, Faith Lutheran and PreK At Risk attending TOPS



Table 1.3 - Historical Student Count by Grade Level (as of September 20)

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Kindergarten	481	550	512	498	534	469
1st Grade	504	490	551	520	514	475
2nd	497	484	504	558	543	474
3rd	531	531	497	500	587	503
4th	596	537	534	510	516	551
5th	554	603	548	548	514	504
6th	536	558	619	581	569	526
7th	602	569	568	617	581	550
8th	550	611	572	559	612	557
9th	556	556	612	556	557	608
10th	569	527	566	611	567	535
11th	555	527	534	509	613	540
12th	493	530	519	490	502	556
Total Student Building Head Counts	7,024	7,073	7,136	7,057	7,209	7,057
Total Student Building Difference	-225	49	63	-79	152	-152
% difference from prior year	-3.20%	0.69%	0.88%	-1.1%	2.1%	-2.1

*Note: This chart includes: students attending partnership schools, Project Life, Heartspring, TriCity and the school for the blind. These are year to year, non-official student headcounts.

Other Enrollment Considerations

It is critical that the district maintain a student-teacher ratio that maximizes learning while remaining fiscally responsible. Additionally, the district must maintain appropriate physical space to efficiently and effectively educate students. These physical spaces may include but are not limited to classrooms, hallways, commons areas, dining, playground, parking and offices. District goals for the appropriate student enrollment range for each district school is outlined in Table 1.4.



Table 1.4 - District Enrollment Goals

School	Student-Teacher Ratio Goal (K-5) / Grade Cohort Goal (6-12)												
	KDG	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Cooper	40	46	46	46	52	52							
Derby Hills	66	69	69	72	81	81							
El Paso	44	46	46	48	54	54							
Oaklawn	40	46	46	46	52	52							
Park Hill	66	69	69	72	81	81							
Stone Creek*	88	69	92	72	81	108							
Swaney	66	69	69	72	81	108							
Tanglewood*	44	46	46	48	81	81							
Wineteer	66	69	69	72	81	81							
Derby Middle School							287	286	287				
Derby North Middle School							292	291	292				
Derby High School										560	560	540	520
TOTAL	520	529	552	548	644	671	579	577	579	560	560	540	520

Elementary Reference

Grade	Based on Contract	3 Section School Derby Hills, Park Hill, Swaney, Wineteer	2 Section School El Paso	Title School Cooper, Oaklawn
K	72 (3 teachers x 24 Students)	66 (3 teachers x 22 Students)	44 (2 teachers x 22 Students)	40 (2 teachers x 20 Students)
1st	72 (3 teachers x 24 Students)	69 (3 teachers x 23 Students)	46 (2 teachers x 23 Students)	44 (2 teachers x 22 Students)
2nd	72 (3 teachers x 24 Students)	69 (3 teachers x 23 Students)	46 (2 teachers x 23 Students)	44 (2 teachers x 22 Students)
3rd	72 (3 teachers x 24 Students)	72 (3 teachers x 24 Students)	48 (2 teachers x 24 Students)	46 (2 teachers x 23 Students)
4th	84 (3 teachers x 28 Students)	81 (3 teachers x 27 Students)	54 (2 teachers x 27 Students)	52 (2 teachers x 26 Students)
5th	84 (3 teachers x 28 Students)	81 (3 teachers x 27 Students)	54 (2 teachers x 27 Students)	52 (2 teachers x 26 Students)

*Note: "Section" refers to the number of classes per grade level. Stone Creek Elementary and Tanglewood Elementary are mixed-section schools. Tanglewood has 2 sections of K, 1, 2, 3 and 3 sections of 4, 5. Stone Creek has 3 sections of 1, 3 and 4 and 4 sections of K, 2 and 5.



In collaboration with the City of Derby, the district projects that the enrollment of USD 260 Derby Public Schools may increase over the next five to ten years.

While student enrollment remains relatively stable by cohort, there are a few “bubbles” that must be considered when projecting enrollment for next year and in future years. These bubbles are defined by a grade level cohort of students that equals 20% greater or smaller than the grade level cohort immediately preceding and/or following it. These bubbles are identified in Table 1.4

Table 1.5 - Current Enrollment Bubbles Calculation (Numbers as of March 1, 2026)

School	Total Count	Grade Level												
		KDG	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Cooper	239	42	47	35	39	40	36							
Derby Hills	356	72	60	65	66	57	36							
El Paso	256	32	47	53	44	40	40							
Oaklawn	229	33	36	38	50	31	41							
Park Hill	377	63	58	57	71	64	64							
Stone Creek	420	75	66	64	83	71	61							
Swaney	323	49	53	55	59	59	48							
Tanglewood	337	51	43	62	53	60	68							
Wineteer	371	71	61	57	69	53	60							
Derby Middle School	826							270	264	292				
Derby North Middle School	830							265	280	285				
Derby High School	2,035										533	545	574	383
TOTAL		488	471	486	534	475	454	535	544	577	533	545	574	383

Class bubble from lower grade to higher

Class bubble from higher grade to lower grade



Student Enrollment Projections and Seat Cap

Enrollment projections incorporate all of the data identified in this report to the best of our ability and in order to operate at maximum effectiveness and efficiency.

Table 1.6 - 2026-2027 Enrollment Projections

These numbers are based on students that are anticipated to enroll for the 2026-2027 school year.

		Grade Level												
School	Total Count	KDG	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Cooper	233	22	43	43	45	36	44							
Derby Hills	383	54	57	64	65	71	72							
El Paso	268	40	50	37	46	49	46							
Oaklawn	229	20	35	32	42	48	52							
Park Hill	372	44	68	64	65	57	74							
Stone Creek	430	55	69	74	73	72	87							
Swaney	358	30	66	63	58	67	74							
Tanglewood	321	28	51	59	51	68	64							
Wineteer	360	31	69	62	63	64	71							
Derby Middle School	783							248	252	283				
Derby North Middle School	846							268	287	291				
Derby High School	2,239										573	616	527	523
TOTAL	6,822													

Table 1.7 - 2026-2027 Non-Resident Student Enrollment Capacity (Number of Open Seats Available to Non-Resident Students)

Starting May 1, 2026 this chart will reflect open seats families can apply for through June 30, 2026.

		Grade Level												
School	Total Count	KDG	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Cooper	49	18	3	3	1	16	8							
Derby Hills	55	12	12	5	7	10	9							
El Paso	29	4	0	9	2	5	9							
Oaklawn	53	20	11	14	4	4	0							
Park Hill	66	22	1	5	7	24	7							
Stone Creek	81	33	0	18	0	9	21							
Swaney	80	36	3	6	14	14	7							
Tanglewood	46	16	0	0	0	13	17							
Wineteer	78	35	0	7	9	17	10							
Derby Middle School	77							39	34	4				
Derby North Middle School	30							24	4	2				
Derby High School	13										0	0	13	0
TOTAL	657													



Current Resident, Employee Children and 2025-2026 Non-Resident Approved/Enrolled Students Enrollment Process & Timeline

We plan for all 2025-2026 currently enrolled in and out-of-district students to be in attendance for the 2026-2027 school year. If a current in-district transfer student attending the school of their choice, at this time, no application is needed for the 2026-2027 school year. Continued enrollment will be allowed as long as the student is in good standing. If a current non-resident transfer attending the school of their choice, at this time, no application is needed for the 2026-2027 school year. Continued enrollment will be allowed as long as the student is in good standing. In-district families who wish to request a transfer to an attendance center outside of their home attendance area will be required to go through the out-of-district lottery process. When the number of in-district applications exceeds the school building, program, or grade level capacity, the district will randomly select students through a confidential lottery process conducted by the superintendent or designee by July 15, 2026. Notification will be provided to families confirming enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year.



New Non-Resident Student Requests Timeline



USD 260

- June 1** | Open seats for K-12 grade will be published at www.derbyschools.com.
- June 1-30** | Applications will be accepted for non-resident students. The online application will be available at www.derbyschools.com. It can be found under, “Enrollment” then “Transfer Information”.
- July 1-15** | A confidential random lottery will be conducted for the applications received and open seats available.

Information Derby Public Schools Board Policy JBCC for Reference

- Placement of Students: Non-resident students accepted for enrollment will be placed in schools by administration according to open seats based upon the capacity recommendations. Requests for specific schools may not be honored, except for employees who have children that request to attend the building the employee is assigned to work.
- Transportation of Students: Neither a resident school district nor a receiving school district shall be required to provide transportation to non-resident students unless otherwise required by applicable law. If space is available on district transportation vehicles, the district may assign non-resident students an in-district bus stop to and from which transportation may be provided by the district for non-resident students. The district shall ensure that transportation for non-resident homeless students is provided comparably to that of housed students.
- KSHSAA Eligibility: Nothing in this policy or state law shall exempt a non-resident student who transfers into the district from the requirements of the Kansas State High School Activities Association (“KSHSAA”) regarding eligibility to participate in KSHSAA activities.

See full policy of JBCC online for reference, including good standing status which would be followed during the 2026-2027 school year as allowable by law.

Any exception may be approved on a case-by-case basis by the Superintendent of Schools or designee.