



November Schools Update

November 15, 2022

School Highlights



Juvenile Justice Awareness Week: Lunch and Learn with Travis Hill School



- Community Building Circle led by students with impactful messaging around the importance of relationship building and diverse extracurricular activity options
- Presentation on Trauma-informed strategies schools can incorporate daily to support the social-emotional needs of students
- Guided tour of the school showing students highly engaged in technology-based instruction, art, and music



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Enrollment Timeline for K-12 and Early Childhood New Orleans Common Application Process (NCAP)

Main Round is a student's first opportunity to apply for seats for the 23-24 school year and the best chance to get a seat at the school of their choice. Main Round for K-12 is happening now.

- K-12 Main Round opened on 11/7/22 and will close on 1/20/23
 - The 2022 Main Round is off to a strong start with **2266** K-1 applications submitted in the first 3 days. Last year **9968** K-12 applications were submitted during Main Round.
 - 3/31/23: Placements released to families by the end of March
- Early childhood (infant to PK4) enrollment will be on a separate timeline from K-12 enrollment. These dates are still being finalized, but EC Main Round will launch in February.
- The next enrollment period after each Main Round is Open Enrollment
 - Open Enrollment dates are still being finalized.

Who Should Complete a New Orleans Common Application (NCAP)

Families should complete the NCAP if:

- The student is entering the public school system for the first time, such as a new kindergartener
- The student is currently enrolled in a NOLA-PS school in a terminal grade (the last grade level offered) and will need to choose a new school for next year, such as 8th graders who need to apply to 9th grade
- The student would like to switch schools to a different NOLA-PS school for next school year
- The student is new to Orleans Parish and will be starting school in NOLA-PS next fall
- The student is seeking to transfer to a publicly funded seat in Orleans Parish for the next school year, such as from a private school, parochial school, or another school setting

Who Should NOT Complete an NCAP

Families should NOT complete the NCAP if:

- If the student is happy with their current school and that school offers the next grade level.
 - Returning students who do not apply to attend another school are guaranteed to return to their current school for the following school year.
- The student needs to be placed into a school for the current school year (not next school year)

NCAP Reminders

- Families with a guarantee to move up to the next grade should only apply to schools they prefer more than their current school. If a student is assigned to a school on their application, they will lose their current school assignment.
- Families should always apply in true order of preference, and list as many choices as they prefer more than their current school.
- Families may apply to up to 12 schools in order of preference.
- Families can submit a new application if they would like to change their school rankings. Newly submitted applications overwrite previously submitted applications; the last application submitted will be used in the match. **Rankings cannot be edited after the Main Round deadline.**
- If it is not possible to place a student at a preferred school on their application, the student can participate in Open Enrollment.
- Applicants can request to cancel an application by submitting a ticket at the [Help Desk](#) or by visiting a Family Resource Center to request cancellation of the application in writing.

NCAP Matching Process

- Families should participate in the Main Round to have the best chance to get assigned to their top school choices.
- The NCAP Main Round uses a matching process where each student receives a single best school offer. The matching process assigns each student to their highest-ranked school choice for which there is an available seat.
- The district matching process makes assignments based on student and school specific information:
 - Ranked school preferences submitted by the family
 - Student eligibility
 - Student priority
 - Available seats at each grade level
 - Student's randomly assigned lottery number

K-12 Main Round and General Enrollment Public Resources

- Key Information: NOLA-PS Enrollment website - www.enrollNOLAPS.com
- Find School Info: Explore Schools tool – nola.ps/explore
- Where to Apply: Parent Portal – nola.ps/apply
- Help Desk: nolapublicschools.supportsystem.com or visit a FRC (enrollnolaps.com/family-support)



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10/1 Targets & Match Targets – Current Practice

- 10/1 Targets are the anchor for a school's enrollment planning.
- The 10/1 Target is the number of students a school wants to attend on 10/1/2023.



Main
Round
Match
Target

Number of students a school wants matched through Main Round in each grade.
Should be the highest target.



Optional -
Open
Enrollment
Target

Number of students a school wants matched through Open Enrollment in each grade.
Should be the equal or greater than 10/1 Target.



10/1
Target

Number of students a school wants attending on 10/1 of the following year in each grade.
Should be the lowest target.

Current Active Student Count SY22-23

Grade	OPSB Governance Active Student Count	All New Orleans Schools Active Student Count
K	3091	3386
1	3236	3533
2	3274	3525
3	3240	3477
4	3152	3394
5	3079	3289
6	3168	3388
7	3246	3461
8	3419	3847
9	3680	4224
10	3674	4211
11	3159	3575
12	3205	3476
Total	42,623	46,786

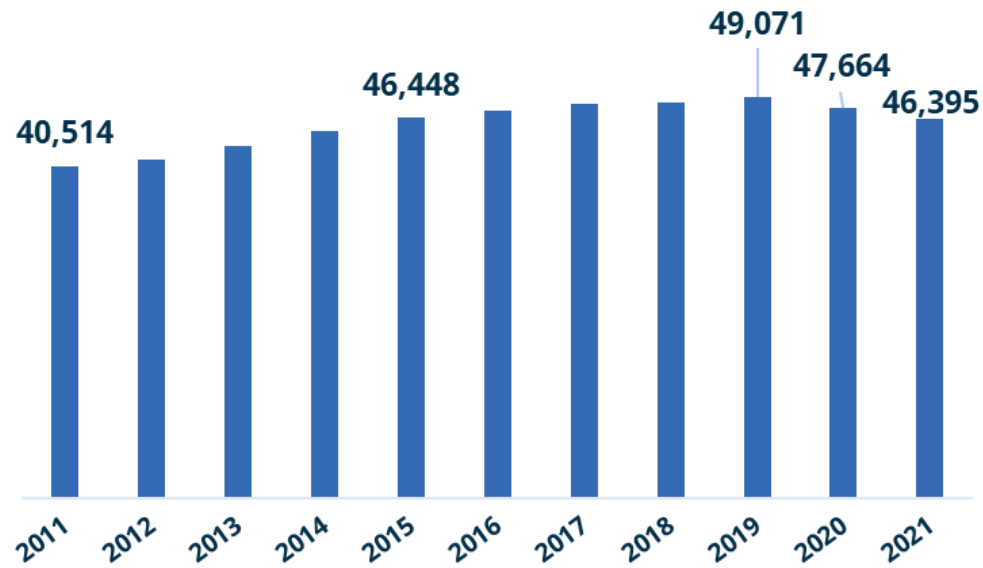
The chart shows active student count on 10/1/22.

These numbers are likely high due to the enrollment data verification process with Louisiana Department of Education. The official LDOE 10/1 enrollment count numbers are expected to be slightly lower.

Last year, the final LDOE 10/1/21 count for OPSB governed enrollment (excluding Type 2s) was 42,271.

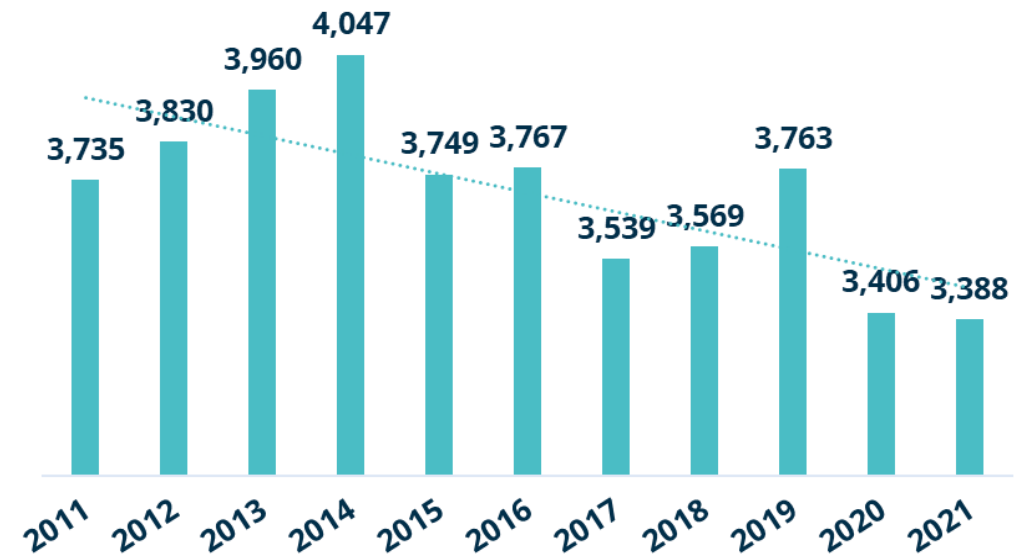
Historical Enrollment Trends

Citywide Public K-12 Enrollment



Since 2019, enrollment has declined more than 2,500 students, or 5%. 2021 enrollment levels are now roughly the same as 2015.

Citywide Public Kinder Enrollment

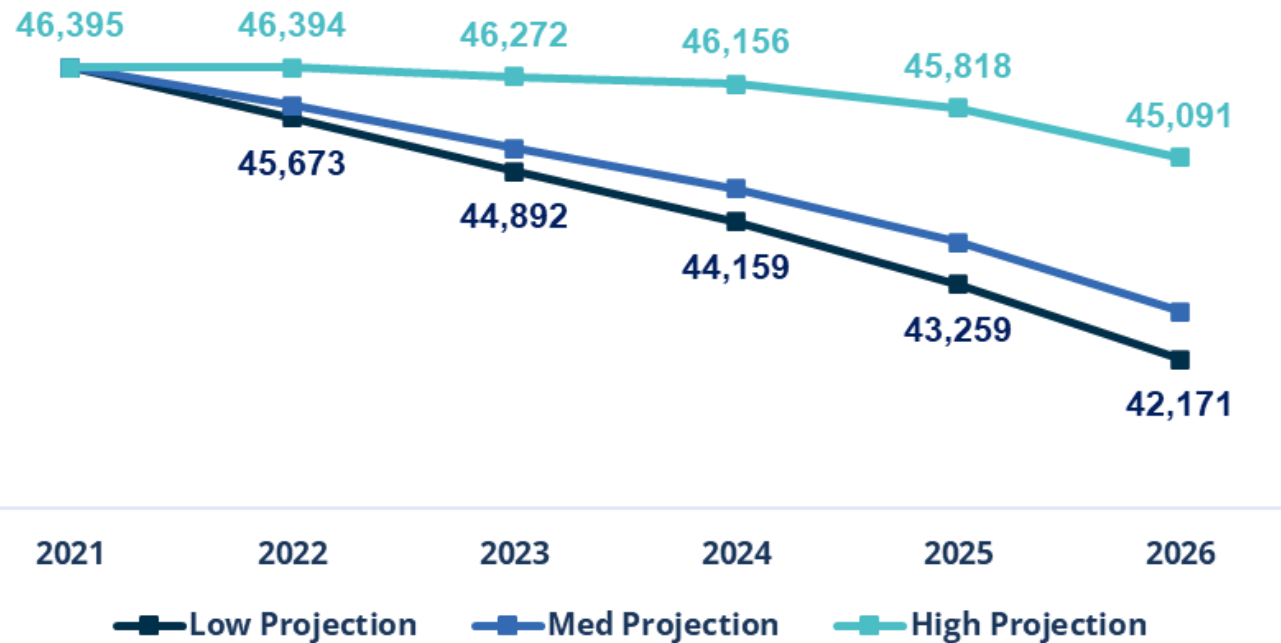


Kinder enrollment has declined 16%, or ~650 students, since the 2014 peak.

Enrollment Projection Estimates (all grades)

How many students do we think will enroll in public schools in New Orleans in future years?

Systemwide K-12 Projected Enrollment

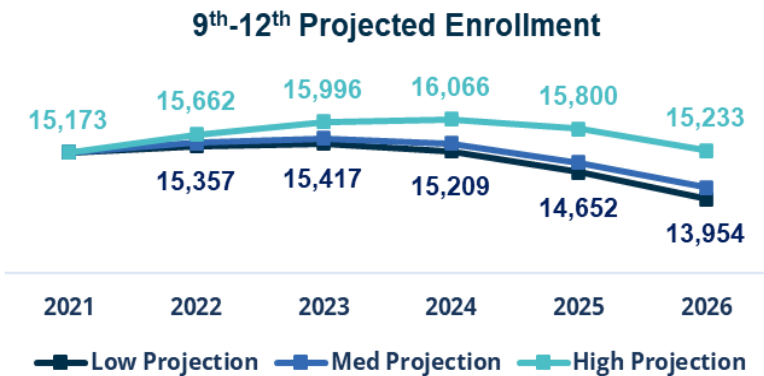
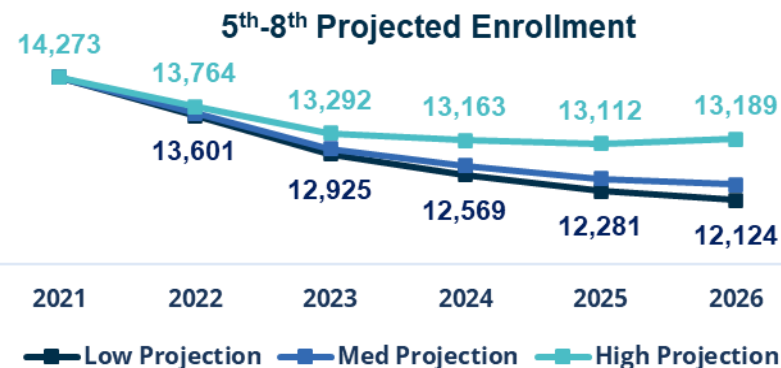
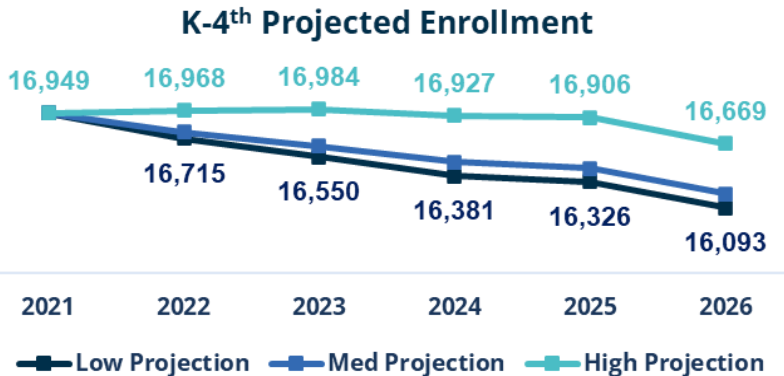


- Preliminary estimate: in the 2026-27 school year, we expect to enroll ~42,000 to ~45,000 students across grades K-12 in all public schools located in Orleans Parish.
- This is ~1,300 to ~4,200 fewer students than the 2021-22 school year, or a ~2.5 to 9% decrease.

Enrollment Projection Estimates (grade bands)

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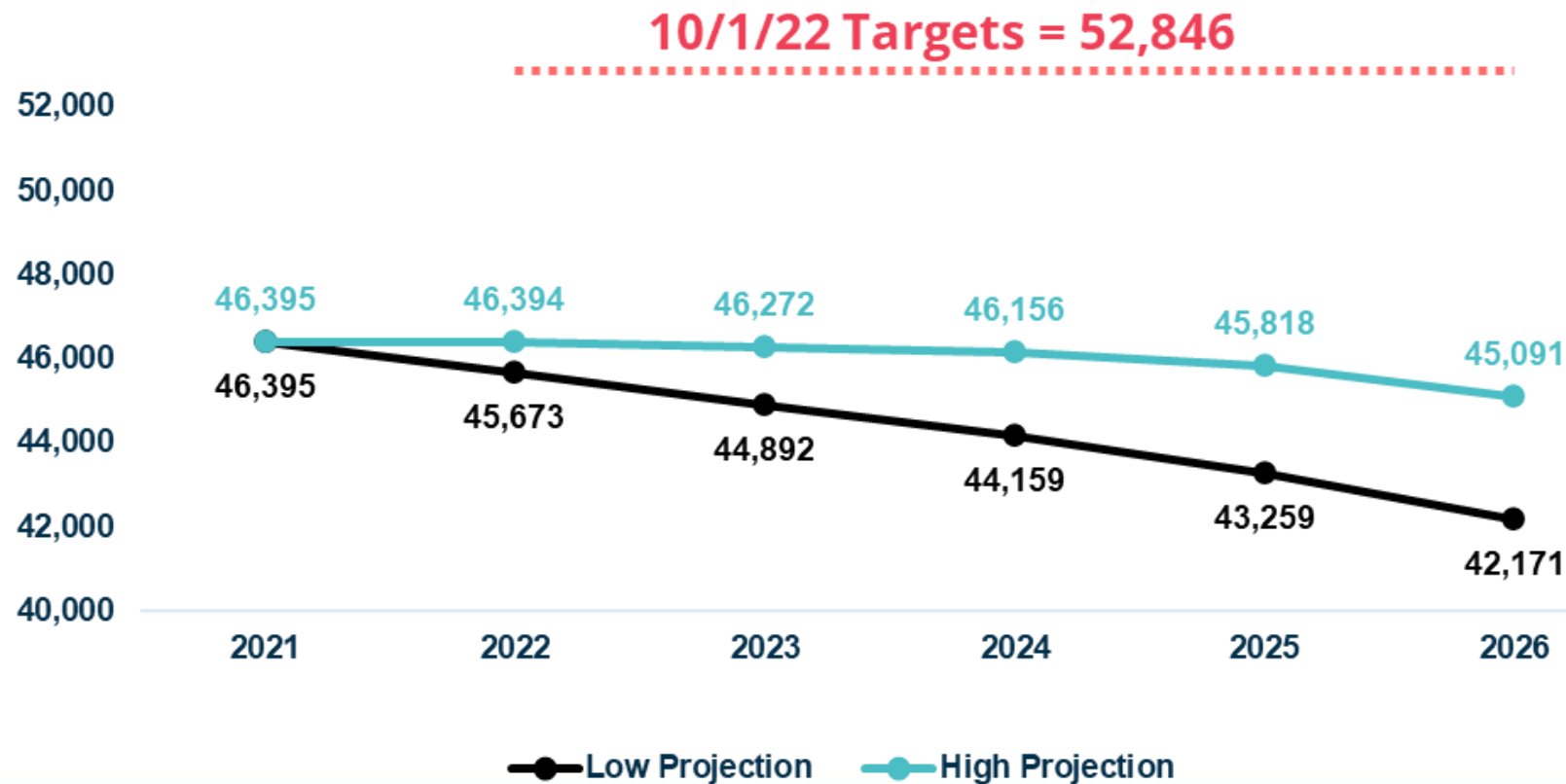
- K-4th and 5th- 8th are expected to decline or flatten out across all projections.
- 9th-12th is projected to increase enrollment the next couple of years before it begins to decline as well.



Enrollment Projection Estimates compared to 10/1 Targets

How many seats do we currently have?

The 10/1/22 NCAP enrollment targets are one way to measure the current number of "seats" currently available. We can compare this to enrollment projection estimates to get a sense of the number of unfilled seats in our system.



Next Steps

This data helps provide us with preliminary guidance to inform district and school actions. However, we will undertake the following next steps in order to provide more updated, rigorous data:

- Working with a demographer to develop more thorough enrollment projections based on future economic trends, etc.
- Reviewing and incorporating forthcoming 10/1/2022 official LDOE enrollment counts (expected this winter).
- Determining a solid, reliable measurement of each school facility's program capacity.
- Measuring and setting goals around the number of different programs, choices, options, and specialized learning environments available to families and student subgroups in neighborhoods across the city, including early childhood education programs.
- Developing concrete enrollment target setting guidelines with schools.

Thank You!



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A Day In The Life, As Told By Our Students



Our Mission and Program

Opportunities Academy
*prepares students to create lives
of unlimited opportunity by
teaching them to self-
advocate, live independently,
and obtain employment.*

Community Access

Independent Living

Employability



Individualized Goals That Lead to Independence



Across all domains,
>80% of students
achieved their PATH
Goals in 2021-22



Recent Highlight: Interview Days

May 2022 and October 2022



Recent Highlight: Studio Be Tours and Mural Prep

October 2022



Questions & Invitation to Visit



2021 GOVERNOR'S
OUTSTANDING
LEADERSHIP IN
DISABILITIES
AWARDS

**DISTINGUISHED MERIT
AWARD WINNER**

