
School Opening Data: Enrollment, Membership and Demographic Update

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School Opening Data Definitions

- **Enrollment** refers to the total number of students officially registered in a school district that have attended at least one day.
- **Membership** represents the actual number of students attending classes on a given day.
- **Demographic data** provides insights into the characteristics of the student population.

Types of Projections

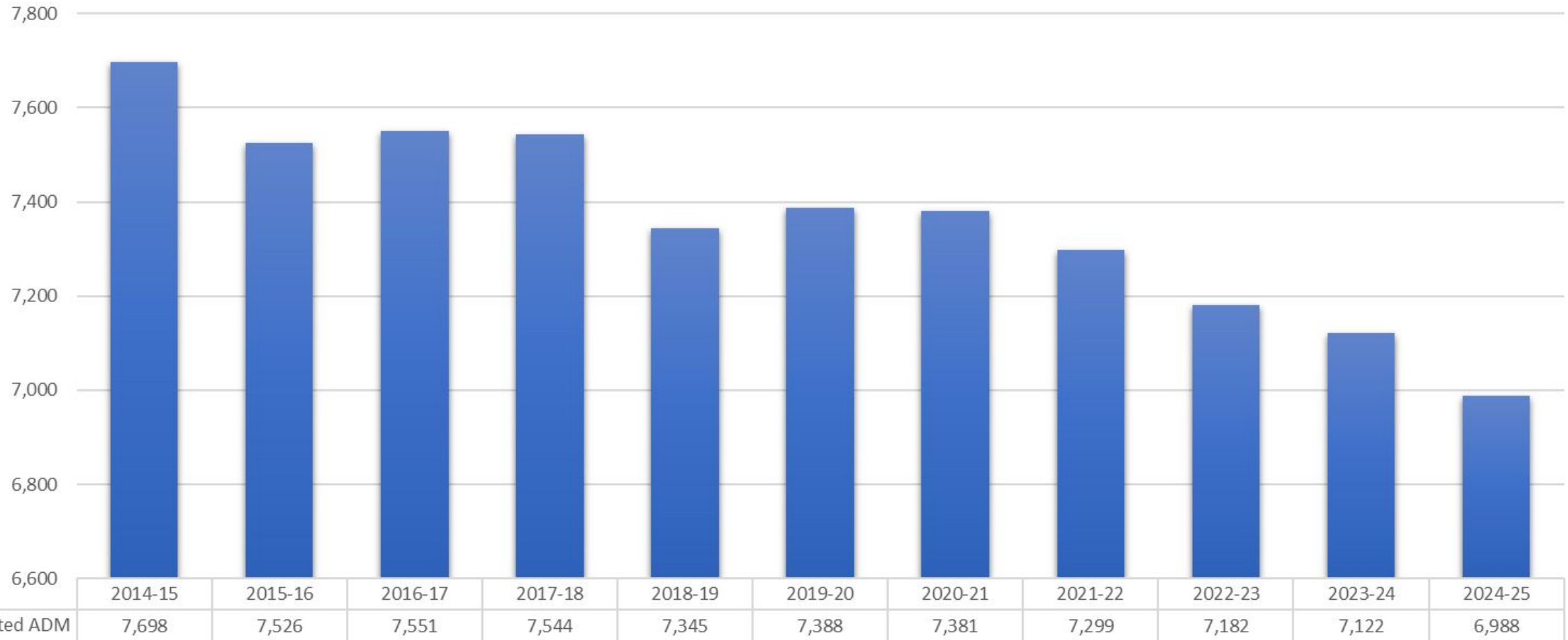
- **Average Daily Membership (ADM)**
 - North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI)
 - School allotment planning
- **Forecasted Enrollment**
 - Operation Research Laboratory (OREd)
 - Supports school planning around capacity

Average Daily Membership (ADM)



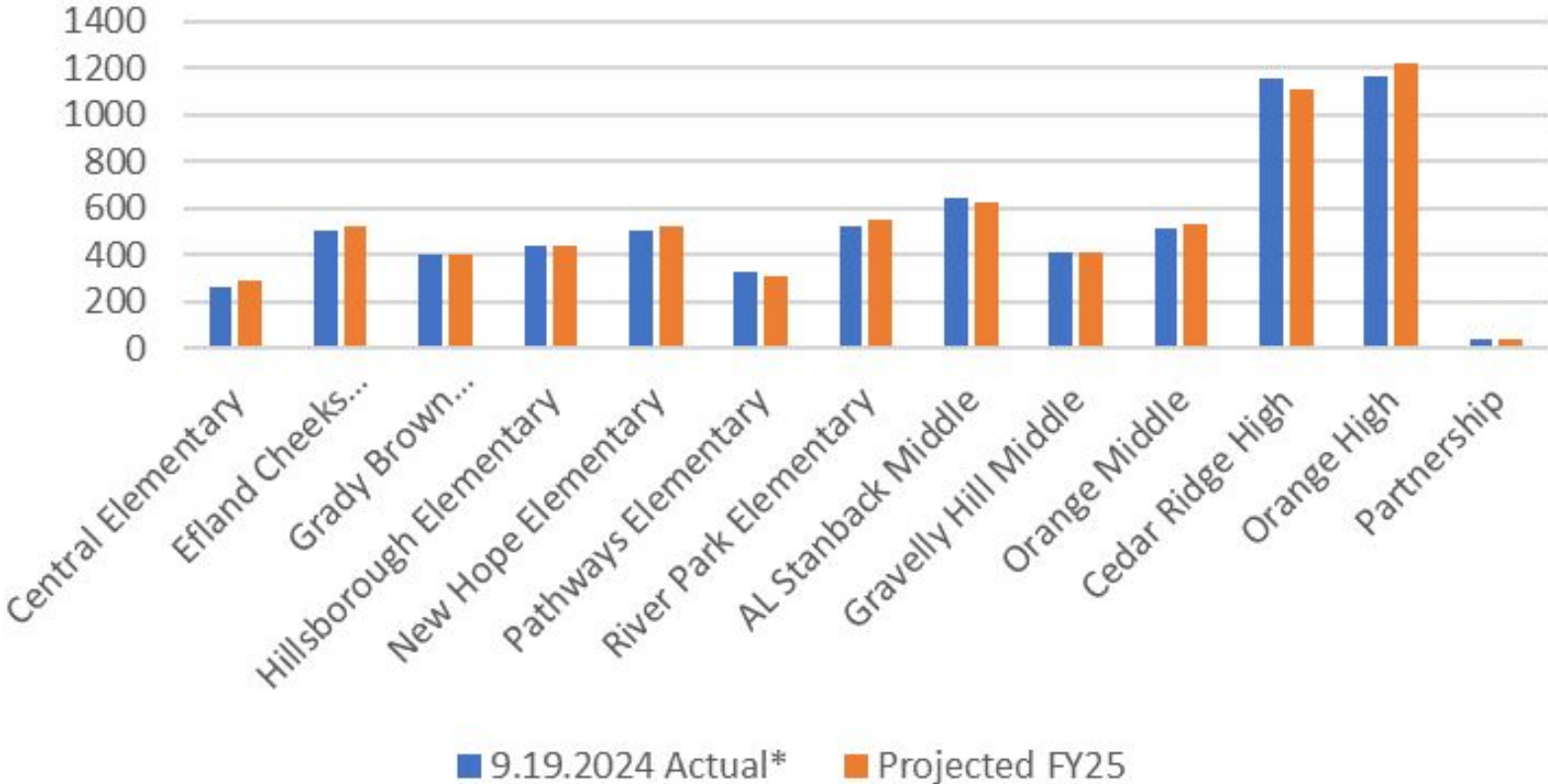
Funding Average Daily Membership (ADM)

Orange County Schools Allotted ADM



SY24-25 Actual vs. Projected Enrollment (Month 1)

SY24-25 Actual* vs. Projected (Month 1)



School	Month 1 Actual*	Projected FY25
Central Elementary	263	288
Efland Cheeks Elementary	509	520
Grady Brown Elementary	405	404
Hillsborough Elementary	437	438
New Hope Elementary	510	521
Pathways Elementary	329	313
River Park Elementary	522	556
Subtotal Elementary	2975	3040
AL Stanback Middle	648	626
Gravelly Hill Middle	416	414
Orange Middle	514	531
Subtotal Middle	1578	1571
Cedar Ridge High	1154	1115
Orange High	1167	1219
Partnership	40	43
Subtotal High	2361	2377
TOTAL	6914	6988

*Students Actually in Student Information System (SIS); does not include Pre-K

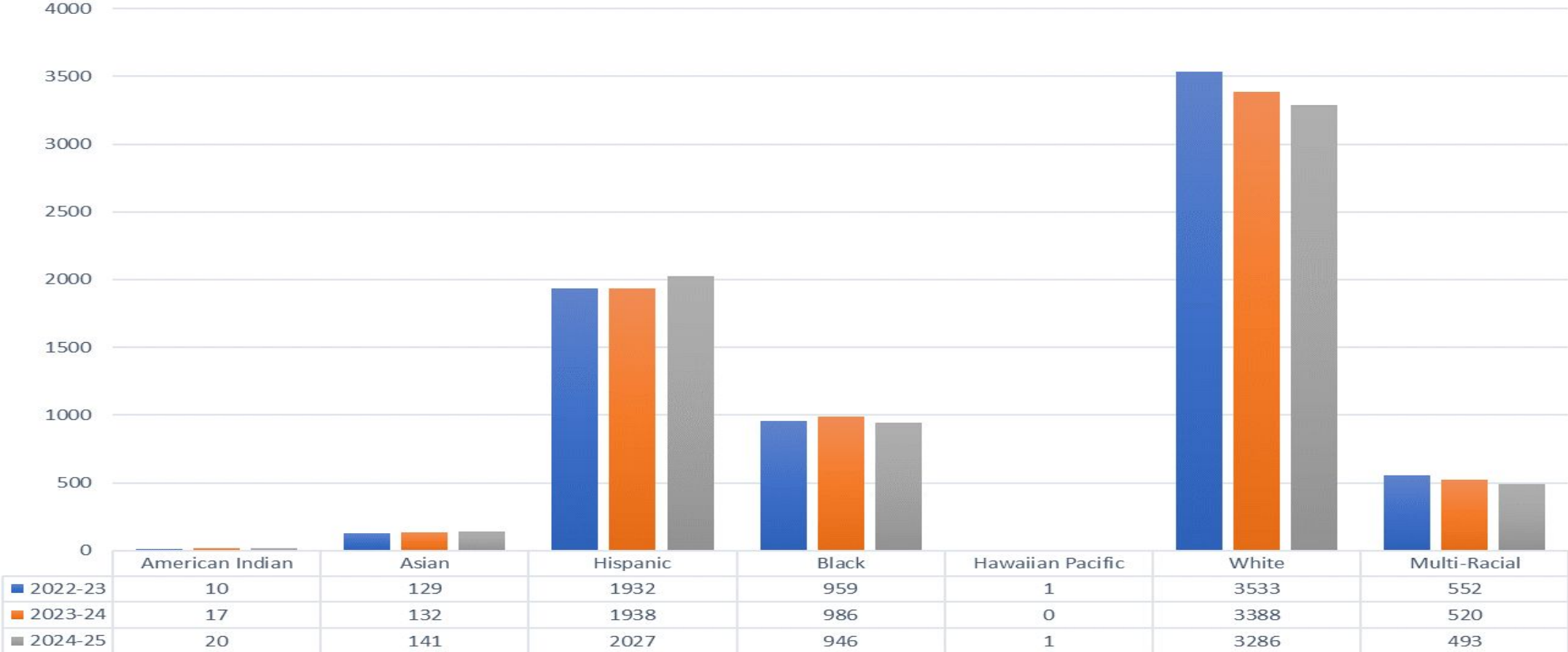
Impact of ADM on Funding

- **Projected vs Actual ADM**
 - 6988 - 6914 = 74 students
- **Funding for FY26 will be based on best of Month 1 or 2.**
 - If OCS continues to trend downward: decrease in funding
 - If OCS is able to increase ADM: maintain or increase funding

How will the loss of 74 students impact OCS financially?

SY24-25 Demographics (based on Month 1)

OCS Ethnicity (based on Month 1)



■ 2022-23 ■ 2023-24 ■ 2024-25

Current Work and Next Steps

- **School outreach to families**
- **Focus on student success**
- **Analyzing trends and developing strategies:**
 - Kindergarten registration campaign
 - Pre-K analysis
 - Branding focus
 - *“The OCS Experience”*
 - *Promoting schools*
 - *Inclusive environment that supports all students*
 - Support for growth of Hispanic population

Forecasted Enrollment



Orange County Schools Out-of-Capacity Table

1. 2023-24 November membership data provided by OCS

2. Capacities provided by Woolpert (11/2023)

3. Pre-K enrollment not included.

Elementary Schools (K-5)

Central Elementary
 Efland Cheeks Elementary
 Grady Brown Elementary
 Hillsborough Elementary
 New Hope Elementary
 Pathways Elementary
 River Park Elementary

Capacities	Enrollment	Forecasted Month-1 ADM										
		2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	
408	291	285	285	290	293	305	316	334	342	347	354	
500	526	534	528	549	563	564	571	561	558	569	570	
412	406	402	414	418	419	419	417	416	412	414	414	
556	437	437	437	437	437	437	437	437	437	437	437	
542	527	514	510	522	528	528	544	549	551	558	558	
479	312	315	307	305	308	301	292	284	286	281	284	
556	556	554	558	552	560	563	579	584	587	595	595	
Totals	3453	3055	3042	3039	3074	3108	3117	3157	3164	3173	3200	3211

Middle Schools (6-8)

A L Stanback Middle
 Gravelly Hill Middle
 Orange Middle

877	633	639	633	655	644	662	663	670	676	696	698	
695	411	406	463	475	508	525	562	578	593	616	627	
824	535	530	547	553	541	544	540	542	536	534	538	
Totals	2396	1579	1575	1643	1684	1694	1731	1765	1790	1806	1845	1863

High Schools (9-12)

Cedar Ridge High
 Orange High
 Partnership Academy

1328	1117	1138	1172	1143	1157	1174	1173	1220	1250	1266	1312	
1310	1222	1239	1180	1191	1253	1265	1295	1334	1365	1377	1425	
40	43	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	
Totals	2678	2382	2419	2394	2376	2452	2481	2510	2596	2657	2684	2779

System Total

8527	7016	7035	7076	7133	7253	7328	7432	7550	7636	7730	7854
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Utilization Legend

< 95%

95% - 100%

100% - 105%

> 105%

Month 1 Enrollment and Projections

Elementary School (K-5)	Actual				Projections		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25*	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Central Elementary	291	299	291	263	285	285	290
Efland Cheeks Elementary	463	517	524	509	534	528	549
Grady Brown Elementary	403	409	408	405	402	414	418
Hillsborough Elementary	425	427	439	437	437	437	437
New Hope Elementary	504	535	522	510	514	510	522
Pathways Elementary	310	310	313	329	315	307	305
River Park Elementray	551	562	556	522	554	558	552
Total	2947	3059	3053	2975	3041	3039	3073
Middle School (6-8)							
AL Stanback Middle	639	649	630	648	633	639	633
Gravelly Middle	445	428	417	416	411	406	463
Orange Middle	523	528	531	514	535	530	547
Total	1607	1605	1578	1578	1579	1575	1643
High (9-12)							
Cedar Ridge High	1042	1107	1122	1154	1117	1138	1172
Orange High	1349	1344	1228	1167	1222	1239	1189
Partnership Academy	29	40	44	40	43	42	42
Total	2420	2491	2394	2361	2382	2419	2403
System Total	6974	7155	7025	6914	7002	7033	7119
Difference		-181	-130	-99			

Under Projection

Over Projection

Implications for Redistricting

On June 24, 2024, the BOE approved the following recommendations from the Superintendent:

- **Stop redistricting for 2025-2026**
 - Review Redistricting annually, up to twice per year
- **Continue studying building utilization**
 - Determine how all spaces are used in light of statute, DPI requirements
- **Consider shifting select schools from Closed to Open**
 - Reopen transfers on hold for Redistricting
 - Central Elementary, Pathways Elementary
- **Focus on 2024 Bond Referendum**
 - Reduce average age and increase quality of OCS facilities
 - Address utilization, future demographic growth, and facility conditions
 - Shift focus toward permanent solutions for serving every student
 - **Recognize large number of unknowns**

Next Steps

- **Review OREd enrollment projections**
- **Conduct building utilization review this month and in the Spring**
 - Survey every space in schools
 - Account for every core classroom/homeroom and legislative class size limits:
 - **Include** EC Separate Setting
 - **Exclude** Pre-K, Electives/Specials
- **Bring a redistricting recommendation to the Board for approval**
 - 25-26 Spot redistricting (minimal) December
 - 26-27 Redistricting in the Spring
- **Focus on the 2024 Bond Referendum**

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Questions?

