



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
Truman	428	436	416	419
Ellison	316	338	338	337
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
Lake	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

◆ Schools affected by Benton/Hyde and Central Model

● 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

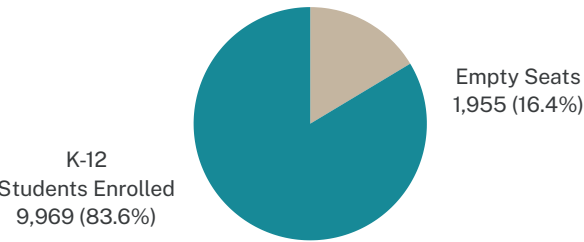
After multiple options presented, the Board of Education provided direction for the Superintendent and Administration to provide additional data for two models:

- Lafayette & Central
- Benton/Hyde & Central

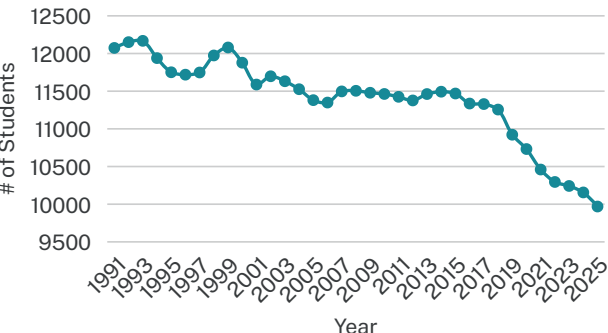
IMPACT ANALYSIS

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: 3,878
Additional Extracurricular Opportunities
Additional Course Offerings

Staffing

Total Number of Staff Impacted: 427
Certified Staff: 261
Classified Staff: 153
Administrators: 13

Instructional

- Students
 - Lafayette = 1,080
 - Central = 1,864
- Projected Average Class Sizes
(Consistent with DESE Guidelines)
 - Elementary
 - K-2: 21
 - 3-4: 23
 - 5-6: 25
 - Middle: 25-33
 - High: 25-33
- No Freshman Center
- Relocate Webster Programming

Operational

Facilities

- 3 Buildings Repurposed
- 4 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	509	506	496
	Coleman	452	439	437
	Edison	384	376	373
	Field	357	347	348
	Hosea	483	479	477
	Lindbergh	497	487	478
	Oak Grove	606	601	575
	Parkway	437	432	418
	Skaith	465	462	465
	Spring Garden	500	490	491
MIDDLE	Truman	482	484	467
	Benton	915	919	891
	Bode	304	299	310
HIGH	Robidoux	235	240	240
	Central	1871	1836	1825
	Lafayette	1113	1111	1076

Early Learning Centers: Lake, Mark Twain, Pershing

Retired Sites: Ellison, Hyde, Pickett, Webster

Benton/ Hyde & Central Model

PROJECTED IMPACT

Students & Families

Number of Students Displaced: 4,257
Additional Extracurricular Opportunities
Additional Course Offerings

Staffing

Total Number of Staff Impacted: 535
Certified Staff: 308
Classified Staff: 212
Administrators: 15

Instructional

- Students
 - Benton/Hyde = 1,353
 - Central = 1,591
- Projected Average Class Sizes
(Consistent with DESE Guidelines)
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	Edison	384	376	373
	Hosea	495	481	486
	Lake	415	417	410
	Lindbergh	478	468	461
	Oak Grove	540	530	512
	Parkway	448	431	425
	Robidoux	477	462	462
	Skaith	480	480	483
MIDDLE	Truman	519	526	503
	Bode	279	270	266
	Lafayette	814	807	799
HIGH	Spring Garden	361	381	376
	Benton	1357	1318	1298
	Central	1627	1630	1602

Early Learning Centers: Mark Twain, Pershing, Pickett

Retired Sites: Ellison, Field, Webster