

OPEN ENROLLMENT AVAILABLE SPACE ALLOCATION

Each year at the January board meeting decisions need to be made regarding whether to set space limits or not. (This can be complicated especially with “what ifs” but I will try to simplify as much as I can)

Last year it was decided to have no space limits. As a result, we were at 18 in Kindergarten. Luckily we had no more enrollments so we did not have to split the class (add a teacher). We did however have a midyear request for “Alternative Open Enrollment” that we denied since it was for a Kindergarten student and the class was full. (We can do that with Alternative requests even if limits were not set-that is an exception to our benefit)

We now have to project enrollments for the fall and use current enrollments to plan ahead. Our concern is for SAGE in grades 4K-5K-1-2-3.(Once we accept an OE student-they can not be removed and remain a current student unless they have a break in open enrollment and have to reapply)

The 2015-16 enrollment status is:

4K- 21 2 groups of 10 & 11 -After Child Development days will know more-

5K- 21 If none are held back.

1- 18 (We have one student on waiver-they will open enroll-if we do not set a space limit we will be at 19 and have to split the class/add a teacher. If we set a limit their request will have to be denied and placed on a wait list) Limit needed to maintain 1 class... but we could get a new student that puts us over anyhow. It is a gamble.

2- 17 This is a close one and a limit may be beneficial.

3- 28 2 classes of 14

The decision is whether to set a limit of say 16 per class leaving room for 2 open slots for a new resident students/17 for one slot/18 for no slots without exceeding SAGE requirements. If this was the decision:

4K – 11 open slots for OE- plus 4 for residents

5K- no slots if we get down to 18... 11 slots for OE if 2 classes plus 4 for residents

1- No Slots (If we get one more we will need to add a class = 13 slots for OE if 2 classes plus 4 for residents

2- No slots (If we get two more we will need to add a class = 13 slots for OE if 2 classes plus 4 for residents

3- 4 slots

The basic question is... is the school board willing to pay for an extra teacher or teachers, if that can likely be avoided by setting space limits. This is only for SAGE grades. Otherwise it is wide open... as we can exceed 18 in a class in non-SAGE without penalty.