

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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TO: School Board Members

FROM: Leslie M. Brown, Chief Officer
Office of Portfolio Services

VIA: Robert W. Runcie
Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: **2013-2014 BENCHMARK DAY ENROLLMENT REPORT**

This memorandum provides the official school student enrollment to be used for statistical purposes, obtained on September 9, 2013. This year the District's benchmark enrollment reporting date has been moved from the twentieth day of school to the Monday following the Labor Day holiday. This new benchmark day replaces the tenth and twentieth day enrollment counts reported in previous years. The enrollment reported on the Monday following Labor Day is comparable to the annual enrollment reported on the twentieth day of school and allows for school planning processes to begin sooner than in previous years.

As can be seen in Appendices A through F, the total enrollment for this year on the benchmark day was 262,563 representing prekindergarten through twelfth grade students enrolled in Broward County's 327 schools (140 elementary, 40 middle, 32 high schools, 3 combination school, 14 centers, and 98 charter schools). There are 17 new charter schools for 2013-14, while 7 existing charter schools closed.

As shown in Table 1, the enrollment count reflects decreases in District middle school, high school and center school enrollment, and increases in Prekindergarten and elementary school enrollment. District prekindergarten increased by 41 students, elementary totals (K-5 only) increased by 93 students, middle school totals decreased by 1,337 students, high school enrollment decreased by 854 students and centers decreased by 505 students. Charter school enrollment increased by 4,329 students over last year's enrollment. Detailed information is provided in Appendices A and B.

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Table 1. Comparison of Last Year's Twentieth Day Enrollment to This Year

District	2012-13	2013-14	Increase/(Decrease)
PreK	4,282	4,323	41
K-5	97,275	97,368	93
6-8	50,472	49,135	(1,337)
9-12	69,350	68,496	(854)
Centers	6,138	5,633	(505)
District Total	227,517	224,955	(2,562)

Charters	2012-13	2013-14	Increase/(Decrease)
PreK	18	0	(18)
K-5	19,141	21,036	1,895
6-8	7,685	9,153	1,468
9-12	6,435	7,419	984
Charter Total	33,279	37,608	4,329

	2012-13	2013-14	Increase/(Decrease)
District Total with Charters	260,796	262,563	1,767

Table 2 and the graph below illustrate historic benchmark day enrollment trends at District schools from 2004-05 to the present year.

Table 2: Ten Year District Schools Benchmark Day Enrollment

Year	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Enrollment	259,130	255,799	246,516	241,783	237,040	234,601	233,598	229,314	227,517	224,955

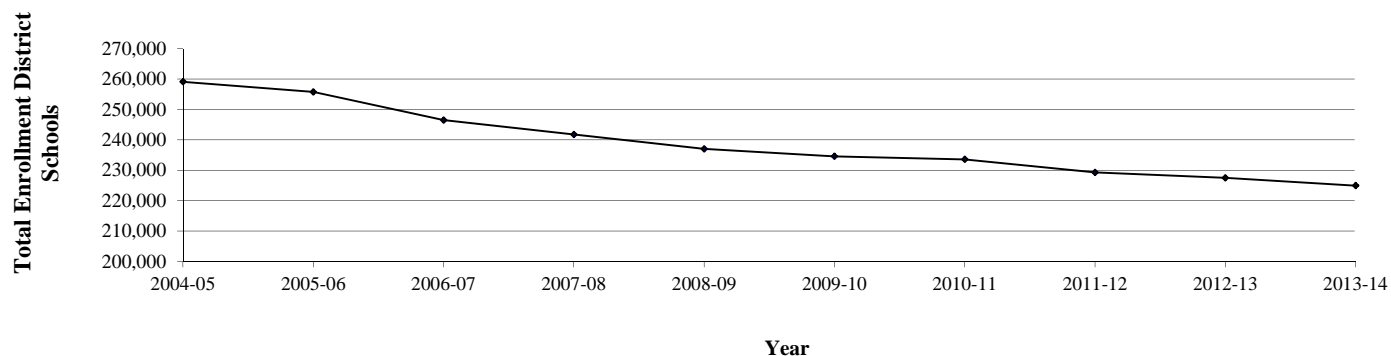
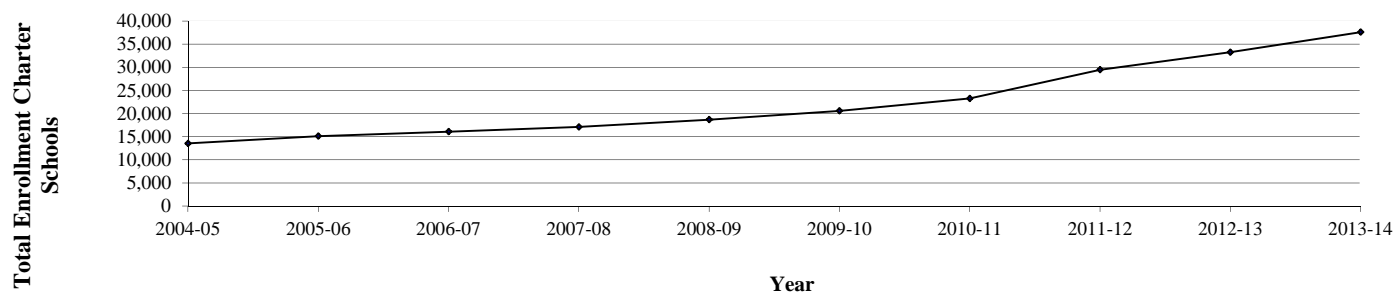


Table 3 and the graph below illustrate historic benchmark day enrollment trends at charter schools from 2004-05 to the present year.

Table 3: Ten Year Benchmark Day Charter Enrollment

Year	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Enrollment	13,561	15,136	16,100	17,122	18,698	20,602	23,274	29,489	33,279	37,608



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Appendix C reports demographic data for all District schools, including gender, race, Hispanic ethnicity, English language learners, student exceptionality, and students eligible to receive free or reduced lunches. "Hispanic" is now reported as an ethnicity rather than a race to comply with the District adopted racial and ethnic diversity classification system mandated by the Florida Department of Education to align with the U.S. 2010 Census reporting format required by all federal reporting systems.

Appendix C.2 is created to allow District staff to compare traditional reporting of race with historical reporting formats, by listing the numbers of ethnically Hispanic and non-Hispanic members in each race category.

Appendix D reports enrollment by grade and level at all District schools as well center and charter schools.

Appendix E reports the total enrollment for District schools, charter schools, and District and charter schools combined for the five year period 2009-10 through 2013-14 at twenty-day intervals from the 1st through 180th day of school, including the 10th day and benchmark day enrollment counts.

Appendix F reports historical benchmark day enrollment for the five year period from 2009-10 to 2013-14, by school, for all District and charter schools.

This memorandum and the attached reports can be accessed on the Demographics & Student Assignments Department Web site located at: <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/dsa/counts/1314/BenchmarkDayCount1314.shtml>. If you need additional information please contact **Jill Young, Director, Demographics & Student Assignments at (754) 321-2480.**

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Attachments: Appendices A through F

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