

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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TO: School Board Members

FROM: Leslie M. Brown, Chief Officer
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VIA: Robert W. Runcie
Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: **2015-2016 BENCHMARK DAY ENROLLMENT REPORT**

This memorandum provides the official school student enrollment to be used for statistical purposes, obtained on September 14, 2015. Beginning in the 2013-2014 school year, the District's benchmark enrollment reporting date was 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 statistically 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 268,836 representing prekindergarten through twelfth grade students enrolled in Broward County's 339 schools (137 elementary, 40 middle, 33 high and 6 combination schools, 19 centers, and 104 charter schools). There are 8 new charter schools that opened in 2015-16, while 4 closed since the 2014-2015 benchmark day.

As shown in Table 1, the benchmark enrollment count reflects an overall increase in District school enrollment of 205 students from last year, with increases in Prekindergarten and high school enrollment, and decreases in District elementary, middle, and center school enrollment. District prekindergarten enrollment increased by 500 students, grades kindergarten through five decreased by 601 students, grades six through eight decreased by 714 students, grades nine through twelve increased by 1,075 students, and center school enrollment decreased by 55 students. Charter school enrollment increased by 3,230 students over last year's enrollment. Detailed information on student enrollment by level is provided in Appendices A and B.

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

District	2014-15	2015-16	Increase/(Decrease)
PreK	4,839	5,339	500
K-5	97,960	97,359	(601)
6-8	47,827	47,113	(714)
9-12	69,393	70,468	1,075
Centers	5,330	5,275	(55)
District Total	225,349	225,554	205

Charters	2014-15	2015-16	Increase/(Decrease)
PreK	0	0	0
K-5	22,152	24,820	2,668
6-8	9,817	10,735	918
9-12	8,083	7,727	(356)
Charter Total	40,052	43,282	3,230

	2014-15	2015-16	Increase/(Decrease)
District Total with Charters	265,401	268,836	3,435

Table 2 and the graph below illustrate historic benchmark day enrollment trends at District schools from 2006-07 to the present year.

Table 2: Ten Year District Schools Benchmark Day Enrollment

Year	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Enrollment	246,516	241,783	237,040	234,601	233,598	229,314	227,517	224,955	225,349	225,554

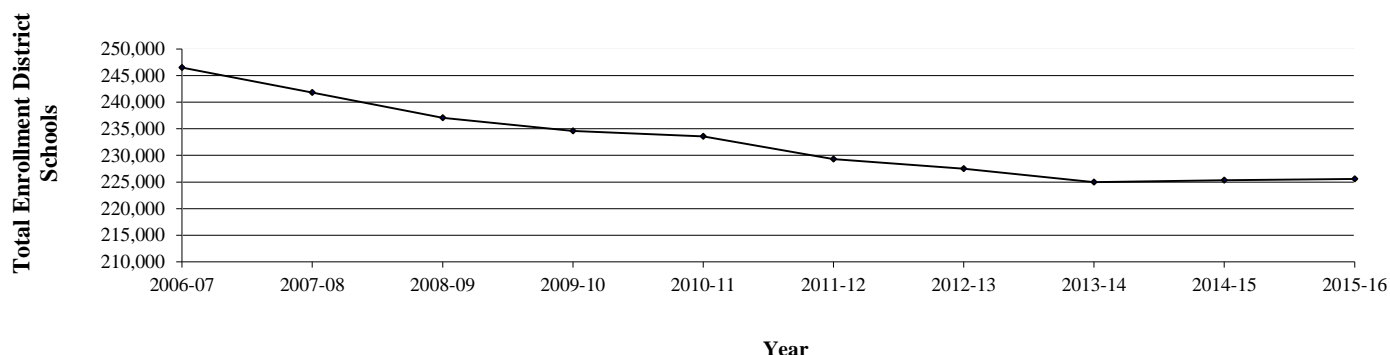


Table 3 and the graph below illustrate historic benchmark day enrollment trends at charter schools from 2006-07 to the present year.

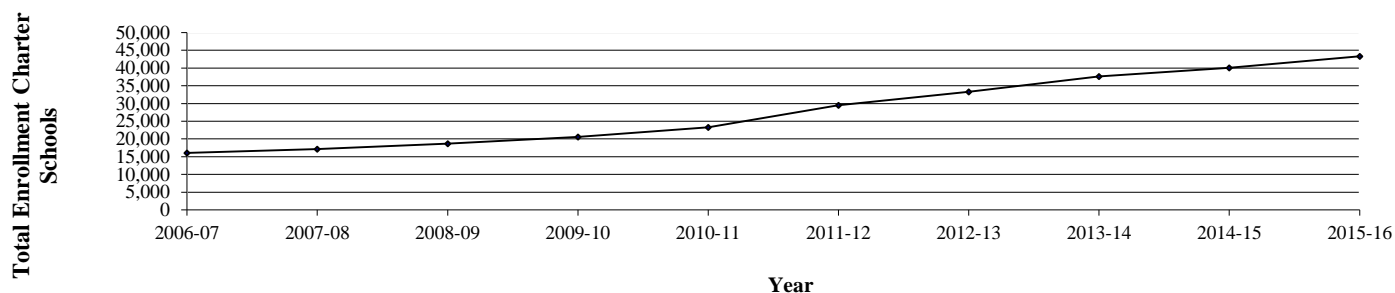
Table 3: Ten Year Benchmark Day Charter Enrollment

Year	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Enrollment	16,100	17,122	18,698	20,602	23,274	29,489	33,279	37,608	40,052	43,282

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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 in order 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 provided to allow comparison of the current reporting of race to 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 2011-12 through 2015-16 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 2011-12 through 2015-16, by school, for all District and charter schools.

This memorandum and the attached reports can be accessed on the Demographics & Student Assignments Department website located at: <http://www.browardschools.com/dsa>. If you need additional information please contact **Patrick Sipple, Director, Demographics & Student Assignments at (754) 321-2480**.

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Attachments: Appendices A through F

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