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Zachary Community Schools

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Zachary school enrollment will grow over the next 10 years:

- 6,540 students by 2014
- 7,990 students by 2019

Key assumptions:

- High-growth scenario is most likely of the three
- 95% of school-age residents in public schools
- 100% enrollment in Pre-K
- In-migration far exceeds that of 1990-2000

Upcoming bulletin:

- Why the 2010 Census is so important to Zachary

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We welcome your input and tips on developments that may impact the school-age population in the Zachary Community Schools.

5-Year and 10-Year School-Age Population Projections: 2014 and 2019

Population projections are an important part of an ongoing demographic monitoring program. Projections assist us in focusing on future growth, facility utilization and capacity, needed renovation and construction, and the likelihood of changes in a population being served. Demographers working on behalf of the Zachary Community School Board continue to revise 5- and 10-year school-age and enrollment projections. Details on the methodology can be found at StrategicDemographics.com. Projections will be updated twice a year (fall and spring) as new information becomes available. This update projects out to 2014 and 2019 for the first time. Important new data include the July population estimate for the City of Zachary produced by the U.S. Census Bureau (see Bulletin 2-3). Assumptions made in the last set of projections are also reflected in these numbers (see sidebar on left). It is common for projection series to be given in low, medium, and high-growth scenarios. Since most indicators show robust growth for the Zachary area, our recommendation is to expect the high scenario to hold for 2014 and 2019. These projections will be updated next in the spring of 2010.

School-Age Population Projections for Zachary Community Schools: 2014 and 2019

Age	Grade Equivalent	2014			2019		
		Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	High
4	Pre-Kindergarten	420	500	530	480	510	530
5	Kindergarten	460	480	510	460	480	510
6	Grade 1	470	490	520	470	490	510
7	Grade 2	480	510	530	480	500	530
8	Grade 3	490	520	550	490	520	540
9	Grade 4	510	540	560	500	530	550
10	Grade 5	410	430	460	510	540	570
11	Grade 6	470	490	520	510	540	570
12	Grade 7	430	450	480	520	540	570
13	Grade 8	400	420	440	520	550	570
14	Grade 9	420	450	470	590	620	650
15	Grade 10	390	410	430	470	490	510
16	Grade 11	380	400	420	530	560	580
17	Grade 12	380	400	420	480	510	530
Projected School Enrollment		5910	6230	6540	7010	7380	7990

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