



Demographics Bulletin

Zachary Community Schools

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Mid-Year Update of 2013 and 2018 School-Age Population Projections

Zachary school enrollment will grow over the next 10 years:

- 6,190 students by 2013
- 7,320 students by 2018

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

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- Update on new residential building permits

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

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 have revised their initial set of 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 takes the official October enrollment by grade into account and assumes 100 percent Pre-Kindergarten participation. Other 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 2013 and 2018.

These projections will be updated in the early fall, taking into account the July estimate of city population and any new policies that may be adopted in the upcoming legislative session.

School-Age Population Projections for Zachary Community Schools: 2013 and 2018 (Spring 2009 Update)							
Grade		2013			2018		
Age	Equivalent	Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	High
4	Pre-Kindergarten	380	400	420	430	450	480
5	Kindergarten	390	410	430	430	460	480
6	Grade 1	400	420	440	440	470	490
7	Grade 2	410	430	450	450	480	500
8	Grade 3	420	450	470	470	490	510
9	Grade 4	440	460	480	480	500	530
10	Grade 5	470	490	520	490	510	540
11	Grade 6	410	430	450	490	520	540
12	Grade 7	400	420	450	490	520	550
13	Grade 8	370	390	410	500	520	550
14	Grade 9	390	410	430	510	530	560
15	Grade 10	350	370	380	530	560	580
16	Grade 11	360	380	400	460	490	510
17	Grade 12	410	440	460	450	480	500
Projected School Enrollment		5600	5900	6190	6620	6980	7320

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