

**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: 2017/18 BENCHMARK DAY ENROLLMENT REPORT**

This memorandum provides the official school student enrollment to be used for statistical purposes, obtained on September 25, 2017. The benchmark enrollment count, which usually takes place on the Monday following the Labor Day holiday, was moved to September 25, 2017, due to the impact of Hurricane Irma, which occurred on September 10, 2017.

As can be seen in Appendices A through F, the total enrollment for this year on the benchmark day was 271,517, representing prekindergarten through twelfth grade students enrolled in Broward County's 324 schools (136 elementary, 37 middle, 33 high and 8 combination schools, 17 centers, and 93 charter schools). There are 2 new charter schools that opened in 2017/18, while 10 closed since the 2016/17 benchmark day.

As shown in Table 1, the benchmark enrollment count reflects an overall increase in District school enrollment of 684 students from last year, with increases in prekindergarten, middle, and high school enrollment, and decreases in District elementary and center school enrollment. District prekindergarten enrollment increased by 208 students, grades kindergarten through five decreased by 890 students, grades six through eight increased by 1,188 students, grades nine through twelve increased by 282 students, and center school enrollment decreased by 104 students. Charter school enrollment decreased by 272 students over last year's enrollment, the first time that this has occurred since charter schools began operating in Broward County in 1997. Detailed information on student enrollment by level is provided in Appendices A and B.

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

District	2016/17	2017/18	Increase/(Decrease)
PreK	5,731	5,939	208
K-5	97,264	96,374	(890)
6-8	47,147	48,335	1,188
9-12	70,404	70,686	282
Centers	5,194	5,090	(104)
<b>District Total</b>	<b>225,740</b>	<b>226,424</b>	<b>684</b>

Charters	2016/17	2017/18	Increase/(Decrease)
PreK	0	0	0
K-5	25,211	24,718	(493)
6-8	11,862	12,364	502
9-12	8,292	8,011	(281)
<b>Charter Total</b>	<b>45,365</b>	<b>45,093</b>	<b>(272)</b>

	2016/17	2017/18	Increase/(Decrease)
<b>District Total with Charters</b>	<b>271,105</b>	<b>271,517</b>	<b>412</b>

Table 2 and the graph below illustrate historic benchmark day enrollment trends at District schools from 2008/09 to the present year.

Year	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
<b>Enrollment</b>	237,040	234,601	233,598	229,314	227,517	224,955	225,349	225,554	225,740	226,424

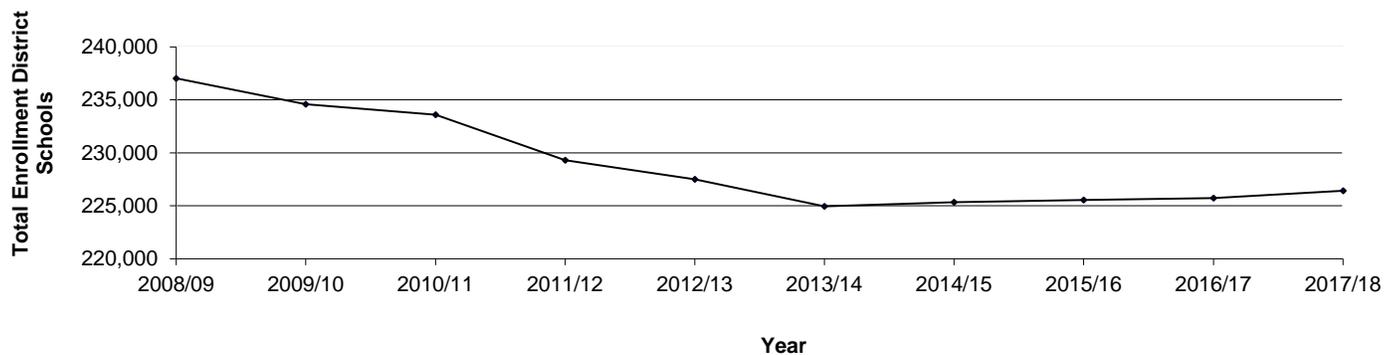
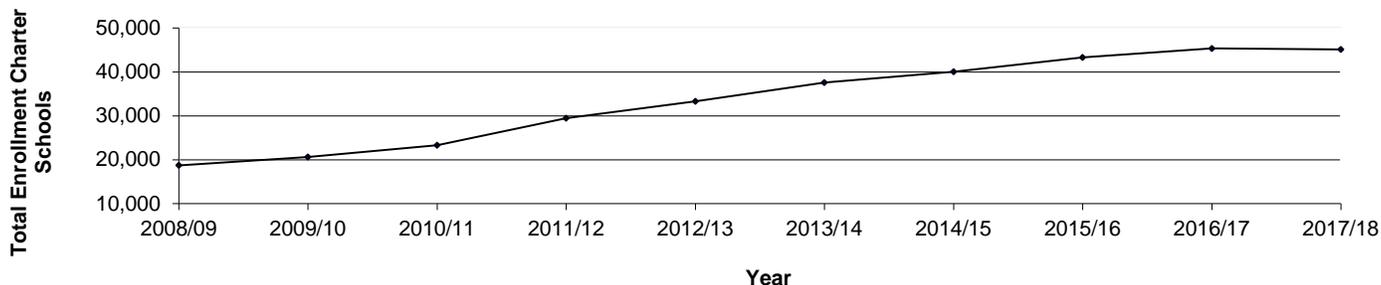


Table 3 and the graph below illustrate historic benchmark day enrollment trends at charter schools from 2008/09 to the present year.

Year	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
<b>Enrollment</b>	18,698	20,602	23,274	29,489	33,279	37,608	40,052	43,282	45,365	45,093



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 as 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 2013/14 through 2017/18 at twenty-day intervals from the 1<sup>st</sup> through 180<sup>th</sup> day of school, including the 10<sup>th</sup> day and benchmark day enrollment counts.

Appendix F reports historical benchmark day enrollment for the five year period from 2013/14 through 2017/18, 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://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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