

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #45 (2002-2003) **Revised**

September 9, 2002

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL ENROLLMENT UPDATE

PERTINENT FACTS:

Enrollment figures for the first four days of the 2002-2003 school year exceeded the prior year's figures by an average of 430 students per day. The total membership on the fourth day of school, September 6, 2001, was 49,493, which is a gain of 418 students from the fourth day total in 2001. Enrollments in the schools have reached over 99 percent of what can be expected by the official membership date of September 30. Kindergarten enrollment figures are based on the number of activations to date, since Kindergarten students did not start classes until today, September 9, 2002.

It is estimated from historical trends that the total membership will grow to approximately 49,900 by September 30, 2002. If the active enrollment reaches 49,900 by September 30, that total would be the largest membership in the history of the Anchorage School District, exceeding the previous high year (2001-2002) by 224.

The increase in overall membership this year continues the trend observed last school year. Preliminary analysis indicates that most of the increase in population over last year has occurred in the high school grades. In addition, all secondary has increased by 3.0 percent over last year at this time. Between 1992-1993 and 2001-2002, enrollment in grades 9-12 increased by 20.1 percent, and enrollment in grades 7-8 increased by 18.8 percent. Growth in the secondary levels is expected to continue through 2006.

Table I compares the fourth day enrollment by category for this school year to the fourth day figures from last year.

**Table 1**  
**Comparison of Fourth Day Enrollment 2001-2002 vs. 2002-2003**

Category	4 <sup>th</sup> Day 2001	4 <sup>th</sup> Day 2002	Difference
Kindergarten – Full	3,281	3,402	121
Kindergarten – Half	72	68	-4
<b><i>Sub-Total Kindergarten</i></b>	<b>3,353</b>	<b>3,470</b>	<b>117</b>
Elementary Gr. 1-8	23,231	22,888	-343
<b><i>Sub-Total Elementary</i></b>	<b>26,584</b>	<b>26,358</b>	<b>-226</b>
Middle Schools Gr. 6-8	7,575	7,742	167
Senior High Schools	12,408	12,798	390
Other Secondary Gr. 7-12	1,453	1,536	83
<b><i>Sub-Total Secondary</i></b>	<b>21,436</b>	<b>22,076</b>	<b>640</b>
Pre-Elementary, Level 3 Spec. Ed., Special Services	1,055	1,059	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49,075</b>	<b>49,493</b>	<b>418</b>

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