

**WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 2020-2021 ENROLLMENT TOTALS SUMMARY**

Comparison to 2019-2020 Enrollment Totals (as of October 13, 2020)

Worcester Public Schools Enrollment	
Enrollment – October 1, 2019 Certified	25,049
Enrollment – October 1, 2020 Not Certified	<u>24,003</u>
Difference	-1,046
Change	-4.2%

Individual school’s enrollment change ranges from a decrease of 18.2% to an increase of 10.0%. Overall, the following is the grade level enrollment change:

Grade	10/1/2019	10/1/2020	Change	% Change
Pre-K	1,045	802	-243	-23.3%
K	2,026	1,532	-494	-24.4%
1	1,956	1,878	-78	-4.0%
2	1,869	1,849	-20	-1.1%
3	1,805	1,802	-3	-0.2%
4	1,803	1,767	-36	-2.0%
5	1,882	1,752	-130	-6.9%
6	1,879	1,835	-44	-2.3%
7	1,759	1,764	5	0.3%
8	1,789	1,734	-55	-3.1%
9	1,978	1,934	-44	-2.2%
10	1,808	1,848	40	2.2%
11	1,676	1,764	88	5.3%
12	1,710	1,683	-27	-1.6%
SP	<u>64</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>-5</u>	<u>-7.8%</u>
TOTAL	25,049	24,003	-1,046	-4.2%

Enrollment Summary Notes:

- Pre-K and Kindergarten enrollment of 2,335 represents a decrease of 737 students, or 24%, from last year (from 3,071 students).
- The Pre-K and Kindergarten enrollment decline represents 70.5% of the total enrollment decrease from last year.
- Grades 1-6 enrollment of 10,883 represents a decrease of 311 students from last year’s enrollment of 11,194 (or -2.8%).
- Grades 7-8 enrollment of 3,498 represents a decrease of 50 students from last year’s enrollment of 3,548 (or -1.4%)
- Grades 9-12 (and Transition Program students) enrollment of 7,288 represents an increase of 52 students from last year’s enrollment of 7,236 (or 0.7%).

October 1 enrollment is used for following year funding calculation in the district’s foundation budget. Further analysis of enrollment by foundation budget categories is on-going, however, the district could expect to see a foundation budget decline of \$10 million because of this enrollment change. (The district may be entitled to hold harmless funding next year depending on the state budget action or further actions of the Student Opportunity Act implementation next year).

Due to the unusual circumstances and understanding of statewide enrollment decline, the Administration recommends legislative support for enrollment hold harmless (at the 2019-2020 levels) for funding purposes for next year.