## FALL 2023 ENROLLMENT REPORT

Acton-Boxborough Student Enrollment Information


## K-12 Enrollment Actual and Projected



English Language Student Enrollment by Year


## THEMES AND TAKEAWAYS

> Projected enrollment vs. actual enrollment for 2023 were fairly close overall, and by grade level
$>$ After several years of declining enrollment, overall district enrollment for next 8 years is not projected to experience any rapid increase nor decrease, and:

- Slow but continuous rise of K-6 enrollment with projected +115 students K-6 by 2033-24
- A few years of decline at the JH until 2027-28, and then projected rise to 843 in 2033-24
- Slow and continuous decline of HS enrollment with projected -110 students by 2031-32; and then projected moderate growth beginning in 2032-33
$>$ Current K-12 enrollment is 4990. Projections for next 10 school years are no lower than 4965 (24-24), and no higher than 5097 (33-34).
$>$ The shift in enrollment share between Acton and Boxborough continues shifting, and the percentage of A-B students from Boxborough continues to rise (projected 20\% in 2027-2028)
$>$ Our English Language student population continues to rise. We are now considered by DESE a high incidence district, and we anticipate that this cohort of students will continue to grow.
$>$ The non-white student population now accounts for $50.30 \%$ of enrollment


## 2023-2024 Student Enrollment - Total K-12 and by Level

| Elementary K-6 | Junior High 7-8 | High School 9-12 | Total K-12 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2,528 | 813 | 1,649 | 4,990 |

> There are also 13 elementary and 47 secondary students who are in Out of District placements
$>$ There are 109 students currently enrolled in the District's preschool program

| Elementary Enrollment by Grade |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| K | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ |
| 334 | 327 | 353 | 331 | 371 | 400 | 412 |


| Junior High Enrollment by Grade |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 7 | $\mathbf{8}$ |
| 399 | 414 |


| High School Enrollment by Grade |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{9}$ | $\mathbf{1 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 3}^{*}$ |  |
| 403 | 425 | 403 | 415 | 3 |  |


| Enrollment by Elementary School |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Blanchard | Conant | Douglas | Gates | McCarthy- <br> Towne | Merriam |
| Students | 507 | 413 | 407 | 356 | 441 | 404 |
| Sections | 24 | 19 | 19 | 17 | 21 | 19 |

> Of the 334 students in Kindergarten, 6 students (1.7\%) attend 1/2 Day Kindergarten

| Acton Residents <br> Attending Blanchard | Boxborough Residents <br> Attending Acton Schools |
| :---: | :---: |
| 117 | 84 |


| Enrollment by Race |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Race | Total Number | Percentage |
| African American/ Black | 144 | $2.82 \%$ |
| Asian or Asian American | 1,688 | $33.10 \%$ |
| Hispanic or Latinx | 344 | $6.75 \%$ |
| Multi-Race Hispanic | 94 | $1.84 \%$ |
| Multi-Race Non-Hispanic | 284 | $5.57 \%$ |
| Native American | 7 | $0.14 \%$ |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 4 | $0.08 \%$ |
| White | 2,534 | $49.70 \%$ |
| TOTAL | 5,099 |  |

## 2023-2024 Enrollment by Race

> Includes Pre-School Enrollment
> Non-White students now account for $50.30 \%$ of students
> Hispanic/Latinx population continues to increase

Enrollment by Race and Elementary School

| Race | Blanchard | Conant | Douglas | Gates | McT | Merriam |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| African <br> American/ <br> Black | $3.16 \%$ <br> $(16)$ | $2.91 \%$ <br> $(12)$ | $2.46 \%$ <br> $(10)$ | $1.69 \%$ <br> $(6)$ | $3.4 \%$ <br> $(15)$ | $2.23 \%$ <br> $(9)$ |
| Asian or <br> Asian <br> American | $28.99 \%$ | $56.42 \%$ | $14.50 \%$ | $56.46 \%$ | $10.43 \%$ | $16.58 \%$ |
| Hispanic or <br> Latinx | $8.09 \%$ <br> $(41)$ | $5.33 \%$ <br> $(22)$ | $8.85 \%$ <br> $(36)$ | $1.12 \%$ <br> $(4)$ | $10.66 \%$ <br> $(47)$ | $7.67 \%$ <br> $(31)$ |
| Multi-Race <br> Hispanic | $1.18 \%$ <br> $(6)$ | $2.42 \%$ <br> $(10)$ | $2.46 \%$ <br> $(10)$ | $5.06 \%$ <br> $(18)$ | $2.27 \%$ | $0.50 \%$ |
| $(20)$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |


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> In previous 10 years, the District experienced declining enrollment totaling almost 700 students K-12
> Current projections suggest K -12 enrollment will remain fairly static for the next 10 years, with year-to-year changes totaling less than $1 \%$
> Over 10 years, elementary enrollment is projected to have +115 increase
> High School still experiencing gradual decline over next 8 years (~100 students)


School Year

|  |  |  | Preliminary 2024-2025 Section Projections |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Blanchard | Conant | Douglas | Gates | McT | Merriam | Total | Projected | Actual | Avg Class <br> Size |
| K | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 17 | 293 |  | 17.2 |
| 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 17 | 360 |  | 21.2 |
| 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 16 | 343 |  | 21.4 |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 17 | 369 |  | 21.7 |
| 4 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 17 | 347 |  | 20.4 |
| 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 17 | 379 |  | 22.3 |
| 6 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 17 | 408 |  | 24.0 |
|  | 23 | 19 | 20 | 18 | 20 | 18 | 118 | 2499 |  | 21.2 |
| Change from 23-24 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -39 |  |  |

English Language Student Enrollment by Year


Students identified as Economically
Disadvantaged account for $13.6 \%$ of our enrollment

Over the past 10 years, the percentage of students at A-B who fall within this category has increased substantially, from $2.5 \%-3 \%$ of students to $13.6 \%$

Population of English Student students continues to increase at a rapid pace.

DESE has identified $A-B$ as a high incidence district for English Language students

## Economically Disadvantaged Student Population



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## Table uteman Regional High School Enrollment History, 2016-2024

|  | $16-17$ | $17-18$ | $18-19$ | $19-20$ | $20-21$ | $21-22$ | $22-23$ | $23-24$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Acton | 35 | 35 | 32 | 36 | 59 | 78 | 83 | 94 |
| Boxborough | 4 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| TOTAL | 39 | 41 | 38 | 42 | 63 | 82 | 83 | 96 |

Note:
$>$ A reminder that Boxborough is not a member of the Minuteman district. Boxborough residents who apply to Minuteman are only considered after all in-district students are reviewed/admitted.
$>$ The increase in the number of Acton students attending Minuteman has an impact on the enrollment split between Acton and Boxborough, accelerating and increasing Boxborough's share of enrollment

## Junior High Class and Team Size

## CLASS SIZE ON TEAMS

Within an individual team, average class sizes can be influenced by World Language choices and enrollment in math levels in grade 8. Since all other team-based classes (Science, English, Social Studies, World Language) are heterogeneous, the enrollment of students (by recommendation and parental override) in the different 8th

| 7 Blue | 102 | 20.4 | 8 Blue | 107 | 21.4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 7 Gold | 103 | 20.6 | 8 Gold | 107 | 21.4 |
| 7 Green | 105 | 21 | 8 Green | 105 | 21 |
| 7 Red | $89(4)$ | 22.25 | 8 Red | $95(4)$ | 23.75 | grade math levels can be a considerable factor in student scheduling.


|  | $2015-16$ | $2016-17$ | $2017-18$ | $2018-19$ | $2019-20$ | $2020-21$ | $2021-22$ | $2022-23$ | $2023-24$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EL Students at RJG | 7 | 17 | 20 | 21 | 20 | 18 | 19 | 26 | 30 |


| 2023-2024 | Lvl 1 | Lvl 2 | Lvl 3 | Lvl 4 | Lvl 5 | Lvl 6 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grade 7 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Grade 8 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

High School Class Section Size Distribution by Department

| $2023-24$ | $<14$ | $\mathbf{1 4 - 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 - 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 - 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 5 - 2 7}$ | $28-30$ | $\mathbf{3 1 - 3 3}$ | Total <br> Sections | Avg Class <br> Size |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| English | 2 | 23 | 30 | 16 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 20.1 |
| Mathematics | 10 | 17.5 | 20.5 | 23 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 92 | 20.6 |
| Science | 7.5 | 13.5 | 29 | 21.5 | 10.5 | 14.5 | 0 | 96.5 | 21.5 |
| Social Studies | 6 | 26 | 7.5 | 21.5 | 13 | 7 | 1 | 82 | 20.5 |
| World <br> Language | 1 | 18 | 33 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 63 | 19.9 |
| MLE | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 13.1 |
| Total | 31.5 | 98 | 122 | 89 | 46.5 | 29.5 | 4 | 420.5 | 20.5 |

