

# Facilities Facts

To help inform the Elmbrook community on high school facilities topics.

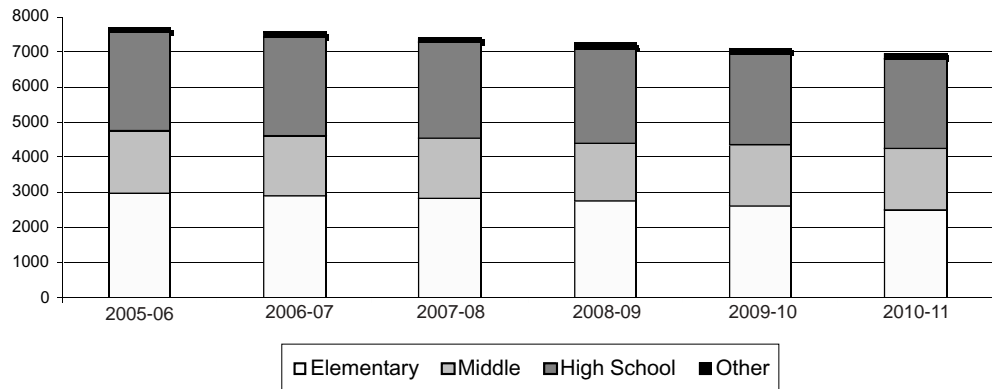
## District Enrollment Projections

*“While there are minor fluctuations from year to year, our consistent experience is that families move in when their students are starting middle school or high school.”*

*~Dr. Matt Gibson  
Superintendent*

- Current projections for all students show a slight decline in the student population of the district. The decline occurs at the elementary schools, representing the lower birthrates experienced in the district. The middle schools, however, show a modest increase over the five years. Based largely upon families with older children moving into the district or transferring from private schools, the high schools are projected to be largely stable in population.

**All Student Enrollment Projection**



- The impact of the projections on the high school facilities is minimal given that families tend to move into the district or transfer from private or parochial schools to public schools when their students are starting middle or high school.
- The impact of the projections on the district budget is that even a slight decline in resident students will force the reduction of annual budgets under state-imposed revenue caps. It is difficult to decrease expenditures in proportion to slight declines in enrollment when the declines are neither major nor concentrated at a particular school.
- The district updates five-year enrollment projections on an annual basis. These projections are based on methodology that uses birth rates and retention ratios to predict enrollments for the next five years. Enrollments are projected district-wide and by school. Projections include a breakdown between resident enrollment and non-resident enrollment. Non-resident enrollment includes mandated Open Enrollment for available seats, the Chapter 220 Interdistrict Transfer program, and the Non-resident students in the Fairview South Cooperative. Available seats for these non-resident programs are approved annually, so non-resident enrollments are adjusted each year based on space availability.

This is Fact Sheet #25 in a series published by the Community Relations Office of the Elmbrook School District. Your involvement in this process is encouraged. Call 262.781.3030 ext. 1176 or Email: [feedback@elmbrookschoools.org](mailto:feedback@elmbrookschoools.org)