

Public Schools Enrollment Estimating Conference
July 14, 2008
Executive Summary

On July 14, 2008, the Conference adopted forecasts of full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollments for fiscal years 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-12. These FTEs are used for the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) calculations and include all students in grades Kindergarten through grade 12 and certain prekindergarten students (students with disabilities and children of teenage parents). The projected enrollments which will be used for the Department of Education's Legislative Budget Request are as follows:

Program Category	2008-09 Appropriated	2009-10 Projected	2010-11 Projected	2011-12 Projected
Basic Education Grades K-12	1,873,993.02	1,867,373.71	1,870,266.02	1,885,323.03
Basic Education for ESE Students in Grades K-12	494,927.92	491,333.38	489,739.76	490,614.23
English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	161,863.73	164,067.52	166,733.94	170,231.72
Exceptional Student Education Programs 254 and 255	25,669.43	26,283.34	26,161.97	26,190.55
Career Education	74,931.92	75,704.20	76,032.69	76,426.75
Total PK-12	2,631,386.02	2,624,762.15	2,628,934.38	2,648,786.28
<i>Growth</i>	<i>1,682.72</i>	<i>(6,623.87)</i>	<i>4,172.23</i>	<i>19,851.90</i>

Note: In spring 2008, Miami-Dade School District discovered that the levels of services provided to many Exceptional Student Education (ESE) students exceeded the levels of service appropriate for these students' current classification. For example, an ESE student might be reported as in Program 113, but be receiving services consistent with Program 254.

By July 2008 the District had reclassified 1,010 students for the 2007-08 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) survey 3. These reclassifications resulted in net shifts from lower ESE levels of services to higher ESE levels. There remain 7,290 ESE students whose levels of services provided and reported will be reevaluated during the 2008-09 school year. The District estimates that 20% of the students to be reevaluated (1,458 of 7,290) will be reclassified to a different ESE program. These shifts will generally be from programs 111-113 to programs 254-255 with some shifts possible from Program 254 to Program 255.

The Public Schools K-12 Conference reviewed the information provided by Miami-Dade District and decided to adjust the demographic model 2009-10 forecast for Miami-Dade ESE programs only for the students reclassified as of July 10, 2008. The Conference decided that the results of the upcoming reevaluation of the 7,290 ESE students were too speculative to be considered at this time. The Conference will continue to monitor the FTE reported in upcoming FEFP Surveys in these programs to determine the impact on subsequent enrollment projections.