

Education Estimating Conference
Public Schools Capital Outlay Full-Time Equivalent Membership
Executive Summary
June 14, 2023

On June 14, 2023, the Education Estimating Conference met in the first phase of a two-stage process to adopt a forecast for Capital Outlay Full-Time Equivalent Membership (COFTE) through the 2033-34 school year. The forecast was developed based on a cohort survival method that incorporated both recent and long-term trends, with reported 2022-23 COFTE enrollment used as the forecast base. The second stage of the process, district review, resulted in no objections to the initial Conference product.

The following table shows the state-level COFTE enrollment as adopted by the Conference. The “Annual Change” column represents the statewide change in enrollment from the prior year. Variations in annual change are due to different-sized grade cohorts moving through the public school system over time, as well as program participation estimates that impact the number of children expected to be in district-owned facilities. The forecast includes an indeterminate impact from Chapter 2023-16, Laws of Florida. The magnitude, timing, and grade distribution of that downward pressure on previously forecasted public school students will be modeled in future forecasts as data becomes available. For the purposes of facility planning at the District level, COFTE growth is calculated at the individual district level as the difference between the current year and the maximum of the prior three years.

| COFTE Enrollment Forecast | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| | PreK-5 | Grades 6-8 | Grades 9-12 | PreK-12 | | |
| | | | | Total | Annual Change | Annual Percent Change |
| Actual 2017-18 | 1,152,283.56 | 555,076.70 | 740,346.11 | 2,447,706.37 | | |
| Actual 2018-19 | 1,142,426.42 | 560,420.03 | 740,841.21 | 2,443,687.66 | (4,018.71) | (0.2%) |
| Actual 2019-20 | 1,126,472.35 | 570,485.19 | 737,233.46 | 2,434,191.00 | (9,496.66) | (0.4%) |
| Actual 2020-21 | 1,036,929.65 | 538,004.82 | 710,442.22 | 2,285,376.69 | (148,814.31) | (6.1%) |
| Actual 2021-22 | 1,066,969.11 | 543,221.52 | 735,339.41 | 2,345,530.04 | 60,153.35 | 2.6% |
| Actual 2022-23 | 1,080,768.53 | 544,289.05 | 753,371.29 | 2,378,428.87 | 32,898.83 | 1.4% |
| Proj. 2023-24 | 1,080,006.16 | 540,079.99 | 762,117.65 | 2,382,203.80 | 3,774.93 | 0.2% |
| Proj. 2024-25 | 1,081,515.79 | 533,422.69 | 754,675.93 | 2,369,614.41 | (12,589.39) | (0.5%) |
| Proj. 2025-26 | 1,067,019.96 | 534,099.73 | 752,045.01 | 2,353,164.70 | (16,449.71) | (0.7%) |
| Proj. 2026-27 | 1,059,579.40 | 533,854.68 | 737,650.16 | 2,331,084.24 | (22,080.46) | (0.9%) |
| Proj. 2027-28 | 1,058,498.00 | 541,104.71 | 725,090.75 | 2,324,693.46 | (6,390.78) | (0.3%) |
| Proj. 2028-29 | 1,065,462.80 | 531,497.60 | 729,327.17 | 2,326,287.57 | 1,594.11 | 0.1% |
| Proj. 2029-30 | 1,075,951.09 | 529,249.07 | 721,496.02 | 2,326,696.18 | 408.61 | 0.0% |
| Proj. 2030-31 | 1,090,395.94 | 523,095.61 | 722,414.47 | 2,335,906.02 | 9,209.84 | 0.4% |
| Proj. 2031-32 | 1,110,715.15 | 517,868.08 | 722,399.69 | 2,350,982.92 | 15,076.90 | 0.6% |
| Proj. 2032-33 | 1,135,628.71 | 510,998.98 | 712,128.71 | 2,358,756.40 | 7,773.48 | 0.3% |
| Proj. 2033-34 | 1,152,833.14 | 514,812.12 | 706,792.73 | 2,374,437.99 | 15,681.59 | 0.7% |

Note: 'PreK' figures include only pre-school age children with disabilities (ESE) and pre-school age children whose parents are in the Teenage Parent Program. It does not include children participating exclusively in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Program who receive those services through the public school system.