

Schools

On April 27, 2004, the Oldham County Planning Commission recommended an amendment to the county's zoning and subdivision regulations, incorporating school capacity standards. A primary objective of this policy revision was to ensure that local schools possess adequate capacity to accommodate projected student populations generated by proposed residential developments. Under this framework, development proposals may be denied if existing school facilities are unable to support the anticipated enrollment.

The Oldham County Board of Education was designated as the authority responsible for estimating the student yield of proposed developments and determining whether current school infrastructure could accommodate the resulting increase. In instances where capacity shortfalls were identified, the ordinance permitted mitigation strategies, including land donations, land exchanges, or financial contributions toward school facility expansions.

Due to the construction of new educational facilities and the expansion of existing schools, district leadership can now shift focus from managing student overflow to enhancing academic programming and curricular offerings.

Since its inception, the regulation has been refined to introduce three distinct planning models tailored to various residential development types: single-family/subdivision developments, multi-family housing, and planned urban or mixed-use communities. These models are designed to facilitate sustainable residential growth while enabling the school district to proactively manage enrollment projections. The intent is not to restrict development, but to ensure growth aligns with the functional capacity of the school system.

Future capital improvement initiatives include the renovation and expansion of South Oldham High School, the replacement of LaGrange Elementary School, and the reconstruction of the district's Center for the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) and Buckner High School. Furthermore, a comprehensive plan for athletic and site enhancements is ongoing across all campuses within the county.

Table 5.2
School Enrollment Projection Numbers

SCHOOL	2024-25 (ACTUAL)	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Buckner	619	632	622	599
Camden	477	464	461	468
Centerfield	519	526	530	548
Crestwood	541	548	551	543
Goshen	627	627	621	622
Harmony	582	566	563	576
Kenwood	628	629	620	627
LaGrange	454	456	462	446
Locust Grove	593	592	581	585
Elementary Total	5040	5040	5011	5014
East Oldham MS	575	562	566	567
North Oldham MS	722	701	713	719
Oldham County MS	765	755	766	733
South Oldham MS	849	841	863	837
Middle Total	2911	2859	2908	2856
North Oldham HS	946	962	974	1001
Oldham County HS	1553	1544	1493	1479
South Oldham HS	1314	1299	1209	1209
Buckner Alternative	47	49	49	51
High Total	3860	3854	3725	3740
TOTAL ENROLLMENT	11,802	11,810	11,663	11,512

Source: Oldham County Public Schools

The school enrollment projection numbers above were produced in the fall of 2024. The projects are calculated annually in the fall and allow the allow the district to predict potential growth and map out timelines to address the potential growth