

# News Release

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Enrollment is up again for Bismarck Public Schools. For the 8th year in a row, the district is showing an increase in the number of students enrolled.

Superintendent Tamara Uselman says, "Staff worked late into the evening last night and more families trickled in this morning to register."

First day enrollment is 11,008 compared with 10,775 the same time last year. That's an increase of 233 students. But Uselman says, "We know enrollment numbers fluxuate these first few weeks of school because some families move and don't inform us, and others don't enroll until after Labor Day."

Most of the enrollment increase is at the elementary level. Many of the new students are kindergarteners. "We have 938 students enrolled in grade K for this school year compared with 841 last year, which is an increase of 97 kindergarten students," says Uselman.

At a recent School Board meeting, the board approved an additional 30 instructional assistants to help with large class sizes.

Murphy (+54), Sunrise (+50), and Century (+72) saw the largest gains in enrollment. Horizon (-50), Bismarck High (-33), and South Central (-27) appear to have lost students, though some have appointments to register tomorrow and next week.

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