

FY 2009 QUESTION NUMBER: 17

QUESTION:

How does MCPS project enrollment for special education programs? What is the projection for ESOL students?

BUDGET PAGE REFERENCE:

ANSWER:

Projected enrollment for special education programs is determined by the Department of Special Education Operations (DSEO) in consultation with the Division of Long-range Planning. Enrollment meetings are scheduled during the summer months to determine initial enrollment projections for budget development and staffing allocations for special education programs. Projections may be revised if actual enrollment for the current year is higher or lower than expected. Special education cluster supervisors and program supervisors provide the necessary data on student articulation from grade level to grade level, as well as the enrollment by program and the number of services provided. Information on the number of students enrolled in preschool special education programs also is provided to determine its impact on future enrollment in K-12 special education programs. Finally, the Division of Long-Range Planning provides additional information, such as enrollment projections and trends and county birth and mobility rates, and works with DSEO staff to develop final enrollment projections.

The projected number of ESOL students and the change from FY 2008 is shown below:

	FY 2008 Enrollmen t (Budget)	FY 2009 Enrollmen t (Budget)	Change
Elementary Schools	10,400	11,500	1,100
Middle Schools	1,750	1,800	50
High Schools	2,700	2,700	-
Elementary School METS	90	90	-
Middle School METS	130	130	-
High School METS	160	160	-
Total	15,230	16,380	1,150

