



Excess Capacity

Saguaro Learning Community

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OPEN ENROLLMENT

Capacity

The Superintendent shall by December 1 of each year, estimate how much excess capacity may exist to accept transfer students and shall submit the estimate of excess capacity to the Board for approval. The estimate of excess capacity shall include estimates for each school, grade level and/or program. Alternatively, the Superintendent may estimate any necessary reduction in capacity for each school, grade level, and/or program period. If a reduction is necessary, the procedure for reduction of open enrollment will follow the priority categories set forth, in reverse order.

Criteria and Definitions



Classroom Criteria

The minimum size for a “standard” classroom is 750 square feet.

Program Capacity

Elementary: Program capacity is calculated by the staffing standard for each grade level multiplied by the number of sections at the grade level. For example, the staffing standard for first grade is 26. If there are 4 sections of first grade, the grade level program capacity is 104 students.

Secondary: Program (or utilization) capacity is calculated by taking the physical capacity multiplied by .85. The 85% factor takes into consideration teachers’ preparation (prep) period (non-student use).



Program Capacity

Program capacity is the number of students accommodated in each classroom without significant physical alterations. Specialized space, not included in program capacity, includes without limitation:

- Office spaces, library, workrooms, bookstores, computer labs, cafeteria, etc.
- Rooms less than 750 square feet
- Rooms used for English Language Learner (ELL) instruction, Special Education (SpEd) classes, etc.
- Athletic spaces such as locker rooms, weight room, storage, etc.



Criteria and Definitions

Program capacity is calculated by using the staffing standard for each grade level:

Kindergarten = 24

Grade 1 = 26

Grade 2 = 28

Grades 3-5 = 29

Grades 6-12 = 33

NOTE: Science class size for grades 9-12 is 32

Program Capacity Study Summary



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Saguaro Learning Community Capacity Study 2019-2020

Site	Program Capacity	Enrollment as of 9/6/19	Excess Program Capacity
Kiva	808	574	234
Navajo *	590	369	221
Pueblo	819	533	286
Mohave	925	905	20
Saguaro	1,812	1,289	523

* Navajo has an additional building that is not currently intended for classrooms. If the purpose changed, Navajo will increase in program Excess Capacity.

Conclusions



- Program Excess Capacity will continue to be used to determine availability at each site for open enrollment.
- The Superintendent may estimate any necessary reduction in capacity for each school, grade level, and/or program period. If a reduction is necessary, the procedure for reduction of open enrollment will follow the priority categories set forth in reverse order.



- All elementary schools within the Saguaro Learning Community have excess capacity in most grade levels, therefore schools can continue to welcome students and their families. Each school will address requests based on availability at each grade level or program.
- Pueblo Elementary - Dual Language (DL) Program: New enrollments are determined by Spanish language proficiency. The value of a pure 50/50 Model Program maintains low enrollment in some grade levels. It is important to consider options such a K-8 DL school to provide the continuity that allows for students to become bilingual, biliterate and bicultural in English and Spanish.



- Kiva has demonstrated an enrollment increase in the last three school years: 17/18 (460), 18/19 (508) & 9/6/19 (574). Due to the age of the facility, and to provide a competitive school, it is important for Kiva to be considered to be the next school to be rebuilt/renovated.
- Navajo continues to enhance STEAM as a signature program. Although enrollment will be reviewed in November 2019 based on the “Growth Plan Commitment,” the fire on August 22, 2018 has placed the Navajo community at a disadvantage for growing enrollment while being at the Oak campus. Allowing Navajo to grow their program at the renovated Navajo campus for a year will provide a better idea regarding whether it is able to sustain itself.

Secondary Conclusion



Saguaro High School has excess capacity and Mohave Middle School has limited excess capacity. Schools can continue to welcome students and their families. Each school will address requests based on availability at each grade level or program.



Thank You

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