

**Sandwich Public Schools**  
 Rapid Enrollment Decline and Empty Seat Projections  
 1,000 EMPTY SEATS on July1, 2009

Year Oct. 1	P-12 Enrollment	1 Year Change	5 Year Change	10 Year Change	Change in Enrollment from 2002	% Change from 2002	Empty Seats	Notes
1990	2,812	98	495	820				<b>Regarding the rapid enrollment decline in the Sandwich Public Schools, the School Committee would like you to focus on the number <u>-188</u>. Can you find it on this chart? See 2007 and 10 Year Change - Yellow Line STAPAC would like you to focus on <u>July 1, 2009 - Orange Line - 1,000 EMPTY SEATS</u></b>
1991	2,986	174	504	1,005				
1992	3,071	85	509	1,064				
1993	3,260	189	636	1,248				
1994	3,470	210	756	1,332				
<b>1995</b>	<b>3,642</b>	172	830	1,325				<b>School Building Needs Committee (SBNC) recommended 1,255 additional seats (FY96)</b>
1996	3,702	60	716	1,220				<b>From 1997 to 2007 enrollment decreased by 188 however From 1997 to 2002 enrollment increased by 405 then From 2002 to 2007 enrollment decreased by 593 and From 2002 to 2012 enrollment is projected to decrease by 1,140</b>
<b>1997</b>	<b>3,807</b>	105	736	1,245				
1998	3,918	111	658	1,294				
1999	4,019	101	549	1,305				
2000	4,067	48	425	1,255				
2001	4,129	62	427	1,143				
<b>2002</b>	<b>4,212</b>	83	405	1,141	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>Baseline - Enrollment peaked on October 1, 2002 (FY03)</b>
2003	4,194	-18	276	934	-18	-0.4	232	
2004	4,111	-83	92	641	-101	-2.4	322	
2005	3,955	-156	-112	313	-257	-6.1	472	
2006	3,819	-136	-310	117	-393	-9.3	603	
<b>2007</b>	<b>3,619</b>	-200	-593	<b>-188</b>	<b>-593</b>	<b>-14.1</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>777 Empty seats - Official October 1, 2007 Enrolment for the current school year (FY08)</b>
2008	3,524	-95	-670	-394	-688	-16.3	890	
<b>2009</b>	<b>3,371</b>	-153	-740	-648	<b>-841</b>	<b>-20.0</b>	<b>1,021</b>	<b>1,000 Empty seats - Equivalent to one elementary school building (FY10)</b>
2010	3,277	-94	-678	-790	-935	-22.2	1,130	
<b>2011</b>	<b>3,178</b>	-98	-641	-951	<b>-1,034</b>	<b>-24.5</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>1,000 Enrollment decline - Equivalent to one elementary school building (FY12)</b>
2012	3,072	-107	-547	-1,140	-1,140	-27.1	1,319	
2013	2,965	-106	-559	-1,229	-1,247	-29.6	1,425	
<b>2014</b>	<b>2,885</b>	-80	-486	-1,226	-1,327	-31.5	<b>1,504</b>	<b>1,500 Empty seats - Equivalent to the high school building (FY15)</b>
2015	2,793	-92	-483	-1,162	-1,419	-33.7	1,594	
2016	2,752	-41	-426	-1,067	-1,460	-34.7	1,634	
<b>2017</b>	<b>2,693</b>	-59	-379	-926	<b>-1,519</b>	<b>-36.1</b>	<b>1,692</b>	<b>1,500 Enrollment decline - Equivalent to the high school building (FY18)</b>
2018	2,649	-44	-316	-875	-1,563	-37.1	1,735	
2019	2,595	-54	-290	-776	-1,617	-38.4	1,788	
<b>2020</b>	<b>2,579</b>	-16	-214	-698	-1,633	<b>-38.8</b>	<b>1,803</b>	<b>1,800 Empty Seats - Equivalent to two elementary school buildings (FY21)</b>

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School Building	Design Capacity	Modular Seats	Total Seats
Wing	850	150	1,000
Oak Ridge	780	150	930
Forestdale	780	150	930
High School	1,000	0	1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,410</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>3,860</b>

Year	P-12	5 Yr Δ	10 Yr Δ	Notes
1997	3,807	736	1,245	Official Oct. 1, 1997 Enrollment
<b>2002</b>	<b>4,212</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>1,141</b>	<b>Official Oct. 1, 2002 Enrollment - Peak</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>3,619</b>	<b>-593</b>	<b>-188</b>	<b>Official Oct. 1, 2007 Enrollment - Current</b>
2012	3,072	-547	-1,140	Projection
2017	2,693	-379	-926	Projection

Notes

1. The empty seat calculations take into account that Pre-School and Kindergarten are half time and the seats are reused
2. P-12 enrollment peaked on October 1, 2002 (FY03)
3. P-12 data for 1995-2007 are official October 1 enrollments
4. P-12 data for 2008-2020 are STAPAC projections
5. Enrollment is declining faster than all official projections
6. The current 2007 P-12 enrollment of 3,619 is less than the 1995 enrollment of 3,642 when the School Building Needs Committee (SBNC), appointed by the Sandwich Board of Selectmen, made its recommendation to immediately add 1,255 additional seats to the existing design capacity of 3,410 bringing the total recommended number of seats to 4,665.
7. Had that been done, in 2002, the year of peak enrollment, there would have been 453 empty seats, and today in 2007 there would be 1,046 empty seats
8. On July 1, 2009 the enrollment is projected to decrease by 841 from the peak enrollment of 2002, equivalent to one elementary school building
9. **On July 1, 2009 there will be 1,021 empty seats, equivalent to one elementary school building**
10. There will be 1,255 empty seats on July 1, 2011