

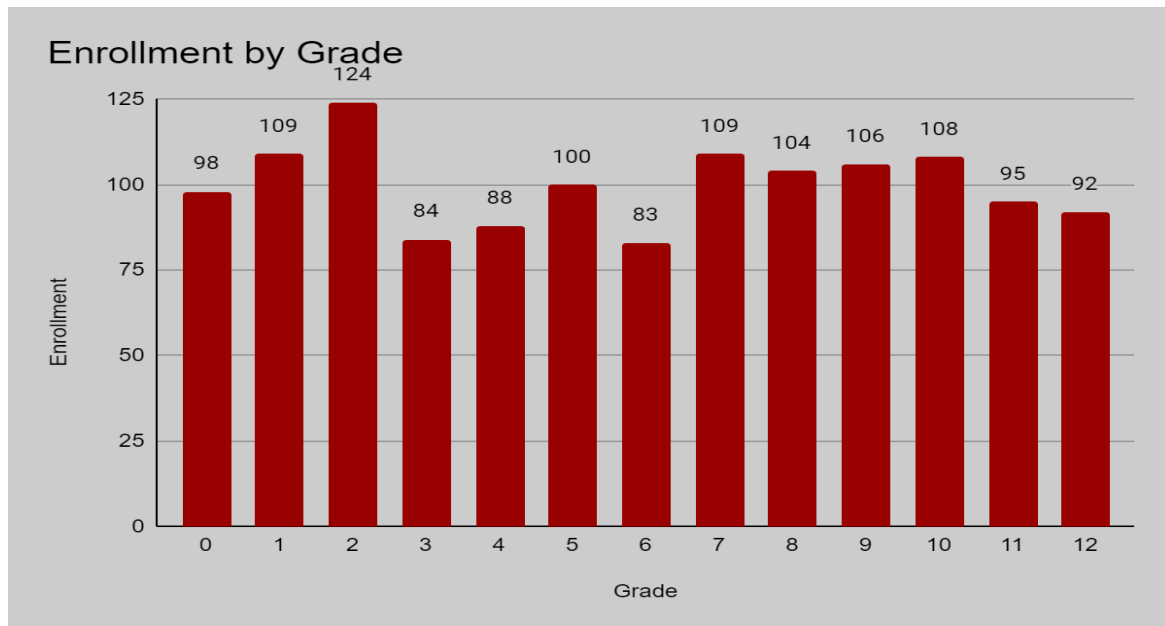
Newport Independent Schools
Pupil Personnel, Student Services, & Federal Programs
Regular Meeting
August 23, 2023

Enrollment

Enrollment at Newport Independent Schools on the first day of school was 1303. This is comparable to the first day of school for the 2022-2023 school year with an enrollment of 1288.

Newport Primary currently has only 5 openings based on first day enrollment, excluding Preschool. This total is based on a class size allocation of 24:1. We have begun a wait list should the enrollment of interested non-resident students rise and show need for additional staff.

As of August 22, 2023 there were eleven (11) No Show/Whereabouts unknown students at Newport Primary. Newport Intermediate had thirteen (13) students that did not show and had no verified enrollment in another school. Newport High School had forty (40) students No Show/Whereabouts unknown on the first day of school. We have begun the process of verifying enrollment of these students. Those not attending school will be assisted with enrollment.



Title I, Part A

We have submitted our FY 24 grant application for Title programs and are reviewing KDE Consultant messages for approval. I will be meeting with Principals at the beginning of September to review their FY 24 budget plan and to make amendments to their remaining FY 23 budgets.

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Our current allocation in Title I is \$1,463,532.00. At the district level we have set aside funds for: homeless, McKinney- Vento (transportation), Newport Regional, parent and family engagement, English Language- Learners staff, and Title I staff salary.

Each school has allocated funding for intervention staff, professional development, and curriculum resources focused on closing the achievement gap. Each school allocated funding to focus on transitions of students from grade to grade and school to school as well. All three schools have also allocated Title I funds to address behavioral deficits, bullying, aggressive behavior, and school attendance as a soft employability skill. Parent and Family Engagement funds provided through Title I include resources and materials for families to use in understanding their student's growth, in addition to reading and mathematics at home.

The full Consolidated Application will be presented to the Board upon KDE approval. Final allocations will be provided by KDE in October.

Title I, Part D

We received a slight increase in Title I, Part D funds. These funds are utilized as salary at Newport Regional and professional learning of our DJJ teaching staff.

Title III and English Learners Program

Staff within the EL program are currently completing their training for the WIDA screener and assessments. All Kindergarten students who are potentially eligible for EL services as well as new students will be screened to determine eligibility and need. EL staff are also currently working with school staff to prepare the Program Services Plan (PSP) for English Learners. We will be meeting with families in September to review the PSPs and set learner goals.

School Report Card

All schools have completed the initial School Report Card verification for School Safety Data. We are currently working on our overview data which includes enrollment, enrollment in special programs, and faculty/staff ratios. School report card data for school level collection and non-accountability data will continue through September 29th.

21st Century

21st Century morning programming began on the first day of school. After school programming will begin on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at each school location. Each school site coordinator is continuing to work on recruitment of students and staff. They have submitted their session plans by grade level and day of the week with an assigned teacher or community partner.

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Home Visit Day

Home Visit Day was held on Thursday, August 17, 2023. School staff enjoyed meeting with the students and families. Due to hvac repair work at Newport Intermediate we moved our location to Newport High School. Each student received a home visit bag, pencils, candy, and information from their school. We were pleased with the turnout. A special thank you to the family who set up a snack station on their porch for teachers.

Mental Health

In July, two Memorandums of Agreement were approved for the 2023-2024 school year. I am asking for one additional MOA with Ramey Estep- Regroup. Last school year was our first year of partnership with great return. Services will be provided to each school for onsite, off site, and outside services to students and families. There is no cost to Newport Independent.

Medical

Each school has identified staff members to serve as medication aids for those students needing services when a school nurse may not be available. These staff members received training from Rebecca Bova, NPS School Nurse, prior to the start of the instructional year.

Newport High School and Newport Intermediate school are currently working with our medical and emergency team to schedule CPR and Stop the Bleed Training for those staff members who want to gain certification in these areas. We currently have two district trainers: Esther Fatsy, NHS Health Teacher and Nadine Cruz, NHS School Nurse.

Dates of Interest:

September 4, 2023- No School, Labor Day Holiday
September 5, 2023- 21st Century After School Programming begins.
September 15, 2023- Reporting Mid-Term Ends
September 20, 2023- Early Release Day 1
September 22, 2023- Progress Reports to Families

Board Action Requested

Memorandum of Agreement Outside Mental Health Provider- Ramey Estep- Regroup

Respectfully submitted,

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