

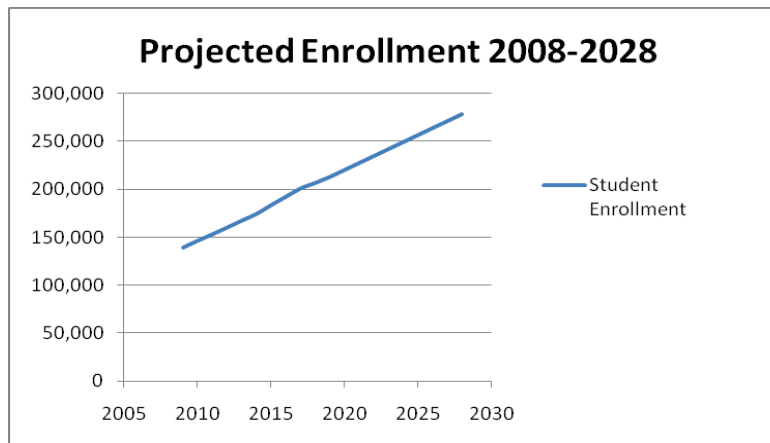


Fact Sheet

Growth

Growth in Wake County has Driven Reassignments

- ✓ Wake County ranks 7th in the nation in growth. Its population is expected to double to 1.5 million by 2030.
- ✓ WCPSS enrollment in 2009-2010 is 139,599. Enrollment is expected to increase to 207,000 by 2018 and 278,000 by 2028.
- ✓ WCPSS has opened 48 schools since 2000, increasing seats by 48,000 and leading to 46,000 student reassignments. Growth is expected to continue.



- ✓ The 2008-09 campus capacity was 146,706 students (including 156 schools and 1,171 mobile classrooms).
- ✓ WCPSS is expected to gain 3,500 to 6,000 students *per year* for the next five years. That is enough students to fill *five to seven* new schools every year!
- ✓ Construction bonds from 2006 are not capable of keeping up with these growth trends.
- ✓ Wake County has used several strategies to accommodate growth while keeping tax levels low: adding mobile classrooms, keeping ‘near-perfect’ school capacity through reassignments, and year round schools.

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