



FY 2019 Recommended Budget Budget Question

Board Question #: 14

BUDGET QUESTION: Given the number of students in other programs during the day, is Massaponax High School over capacity or not?

RESPONSE: When Massaponax High School (MHS) first opened in 1998-99, its design capacity was 1,830. Over the years, five portable classrooms or modulars were added to the campus. These modulars currently serve approximately 125 additional students who take advanced World Language, Advanced Placement Psychology, Psychology and on-line learning classes.

When the school division commissioned Moseley Architects in 2015-16 to conduct the Planning the Plan Study, which analyzed current teaching practices and the instructional spaces in which classes were held, areas were identified that could be easily renovated to increase student capacity to 1984. These included several large labs that could be re-configured into more usable classrooms. Also, eliminating seldom used hallway lockers would improve student travel from class to class. In addition, the school administration in 2017-18 modified previous practices to increase student “flow” during class changes in order to reduce hallway bottlenecks.

While there are a larger number of students during homeroom as most students report to MHS in the morning, the tables below show that the number of students in given blocks is reduced as the day progresses. This is because many students enrolled at MHS are transported to programs at other SCPS schools during portions of the school day. For example, students may attend the Spotsylvania Career and Technical Center (SCTC), JROTC, or the Commonwealth Governor’s School. In addition, some students arrive late or receive early dismissals due to daily work internships during the school day.

Finally, REACH, a transitional, life skills, and vocational program for students with intellectual disabilities is located on the MHS campus in two new modular units behind the school. These students are counted as MHS students but do not attend core classes with other students in the main school building. In the Student Enrollment By Block table below, 27 REACH students are included in the enrollment number for Home Room (HR).

While student enrollment during homeroom period is technically over program and design capacities, as the day progresses student enrollment dips below both these capacities due to Massaponax students participating in the programs at other schools referenced above.

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Massaponax High School

Building Capacity = 1,830

Enrollment as of March 6, 2018: 1,986 Active Students

Student Enrollment per Block

HR	Block A1	Block A2	Block A3	Block A4	Block A5	Block B6	Block B7	Block B8	Block B9	Block B10
1,955 <i>(Reach Excluded)</i>	1,840	1,850	1,808	1,813	1,754	1,832	1,835	1,795	1,720	1,720

Attending SCTC

HR	Block A1	Block A2	Block A3	Block A4	Block A5	Block B6	Block B7	Block B8	Block B9	Block B10
	67	travel	55	23	travel	17				

Attending JROTC at SHS

HR	Block A1	Block A2	Block A3	Block A4	Block A5	Block B6	Block B7	Block B8	Block B9	Block B10
						47	travel	40		

Attending CGS at SHS

HR	Block A1	Block A2	Block A3	Block A4	Block A5	Block B6	Block B7	Block B8	Block B9	Block B10
	27	travel	37	27	37					

IB at SHS

HR	Block A1	Block A2	Block A3	Block A4	Block A5	Block B6	Block B7	Block B8	Block B9	Block B10
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Late Arrival

HR	Block A1	Block A2	Block A3	Block A4	Block A5	Block B6	Block B7	Block B8	Block B9	Block B10
	13	0	5			18	7			

Early Release

HR	Block A1	Block A2	Block A3	Block A4	Block A5	Block B6	Block B7	Block B8	Block B9	Block B10
	0	3	39(3)		59(42)	0	8	50(8)	75(58)	133

The table attached from CIP 2019-2023 (page 42) shows historical enrollments and future enrollment projections for all high schools, including Massaponax, for the next five years. Overall enrollment for Massaponax is projected to continue to increase. However, as indicated above, not all these students will occupy the school at the same time.

Given projected future growth, school division staff is reviewing recommendations from Phase II of the Planning the Plan Study, starting with areas identified by Moseley as meriting further examination for possible redistricting. In addition, updated or revised school attendance zone policy and new student transfer regulations will be presented for School Board consideration in the near future.

High School

School Year	2008- 2009	2009- 2010	2010- 2011	2011- 2012	2012- 2013	2013- 2014	2014- 2015	2015- 2016	2016- 2017	2017- 2018	2018- 2019	2019- 2020	2020- 2021	2021- 2022	2022- 2023
GATES High School program	73	86	60	48	33	31	25	33	23	21	21	21	21	21	21
<i>Building Capacity</i>	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90
Chancellor High	1388	1357	1355	1380	1380	1342	1330	1304	1299	1268	1282	1272	1258	1255	1238
<i>Building Capacity</i>	1427	1427	1427	1427	1427	1427	1427	1427	1427	1427	1427	1427	1427	1427	1427
Courtland High	1268	1274	1220	1192	1219	1190	1176	1173	1146	1179	1195	1200	1180	1191	1209
<i>Building Capacity</i>	1265	1265	1265	1265	1265	1265	1265	1265	1265	1265	1265	1265	1265	1265	1265
Masaponax High	1917	1974	1908	1870	1858	1829	1925	1964	2022	2027	2119	2175	2214	2234	2264
<i>Building Capacity</i>	1830	1830	1830	1830	1830	1830	1830	1830	1830	1830	1830	1830	1830	1830	1830
Riverbend High	1950	1963	1941	1923	1913	1866	1942	1933	1919	1981	2005	2033	2030	2050	2037
<i>Building Capacity</i>	1995	1995	1995	1995	1995	1995	1995	1995	1995	1995	1995	1995	1995	1995	1995
Spotsylvania High	1253	1192	1131	1113	1103	1123	1121	1163	1157	1180	1224	1261	1241	1244	1231
<i>Building Capacity</i>	1611	1611	1611	1611	1611	1611	1611	1611	1611	1611	1611	1611	1611	1611	1611
School Enrollment (Total)	7849	7846	7615	7526	7506	7381	7519	7570	7566	7656	7846	7962	7944	7995	8000
Building Capacity (Total)	8218	8218	8218	8218	8218	8218	8218	8218	8218	8218	8218	8218	8218	8219	8219
Seats Available	369	372	603	692	712	837	699	648	652	562	372	256	274	224	219