

Press Release



Battle Ground Public Schools

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Enrollment up slightly in BG schools

The official enrollment figures for September are in and Battle Ground Public Schools have slightly more students than in September a year ago.

The official full-time-equivalent (FTE) enrollment for September -- as counted on the fourth day of the school year, Sept. 13 -- is 12,323. The FTE count for September 2009 was 12,251.

An FTE student is one who attends Battle Ground Public Schools full time. Part-time students, on the other hand, include kindergarteners, home-schooled students who come to school for one or more classes (perhaps a foreign language, band or higher math), returning seniors who might need one or two classes to graduate and Running Start students who take some classes in high school and one or more classes at Clark College. Part-time students figure in the FTE count. For example, two half-time students in a Battle Ground school count as one in the FTE total.

Adding individual FTE students and part-time students yields the district's total enrollment, or "head count." The September head count is 12,985. That compares to the head count in September 2009 of 12,926.

Official counts are taken monthly and the numbers in Battle Ground generally increase as the school year progresses. For the entire 2009-10 school year, the average FTE enrollment in Battle Ground Public Schools was 12,464 -- appreciably higher than the September 2009 count of 12,251. The average head count for the 2009-10 school year was 13,363 compared to the 12,926 head count in September 2009.

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