

Two-student gain boosts enrollment

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District 20 opened school doors Tuesday.

Enrollment rose slightly when Gothenburg Public School students reported for the first day of classes Tuesday morning.

Two more students were added to this year's roster compared to last year, boosting enrollment to 912 compared to 910 on the first day in 2009.

"It's not a very firm number," said superintendent Mike Teahon, noting that students often enroll in and leave the district throughout the month.

Enrollment figures on Friday, Sept. 24, will be more important, Teahon said, as that is when the number of students registered for classes are sent into the Nebraska Department of Education.

State aid allocations are determined from those numbers.

Since 2000, the number of students K-12 has risen steadily at Gothenburg Public Schools except for drops in 2002 and 2003.

By far, the seniors make up the biggest class this year with 84 students compared to 58 last year.

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The group of students has been large as the class has advanced through the grades.

FIRST DAY DISTRICT 20 ENROLLMENT		TWO-YEAR ENROLLMENT	
Year	Students	Grade	2010 2009
2010	912	Kindergarten	82 75
2009	910	First grade	74 71
2008	908	Second grade	86 86
2007	901	Third grade	70 70
2006	897	Fourth grade	74 70
2005	899	Fifth grade	71 71
2004	824	Sixth grade	75 72
2003	819	Seventh grade	72 64
2002	812	Eighth grade	64 75
2001	859	Ninth grade	72 75
2000	840	Tenth grade	96 90
		Eleventh grade	82 85
		Twelfth grade	84 88
		Total secondary	420 415
		Total all grade	912 918