

Enrollment hits 913 high

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Attendance highest in past 10 years

Initial enrollment numbers at Gothenburg Public Schools look promising.

More students translates into more state aid, even one more student as was the case last Thursday when school started with 913 students —the most in the last 10 years.

The tally also represents a 13-student jump compared to first-day numbers last year at 900 pupils.

Still, superintendent Dr. Mike Teahon is cautious about first-day enrollment.

“This number changes dramatically as rosters are finalized,” Teahon said. “And we have a few students who are still registered but did not show up.”

Teahon said school officials will follow up to determine if no-show students have left the district or were just absent.

Enrollment figures on Friday, Sept. 28, will be the most important.

That’s when the number of students registered for classes is sent into the Nebraska Department of Education from which state aid allocations are determined.

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1ST DAY TOTALS	
Year	Students
2012	913
2011	900
2010	912
2009	910
2008	906
2007	901
2006	897
2005	828
2004	824
2003	812
2002	819
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For the past six years, the district has experienced mostly an upward enrollment trend that has hovered at 900 students or above.

In fact, enrollment has increased seven of the past 10 years with the exception of 2011, 2003 and 2002.

The biggest class this year, K-12, is the seventh grade with 78 students followed by eighth graders who number 76.

Seniors comprise the smallest class with 59 students.

Dudley Elementary experienced a two-student rise in enrollment from 2011 while the high school lost 19 students from last year.

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