

**Solana Beach School District
Frequently Asked Questions FAQ – Edition 3
Regarding Pacific Highlands Ranch/Potential School #8/One Paseo
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Future Editions to Follow**

Solana Beach School District (SBSD) serves approximately 2900 K-6 grade students in seven schools from the following communities: Solana Beach, Carmel Valley, Rancho Santa Fe, Fairbanks Ranch, Crosby Estates, Del Mar, and Pacific Highlands Ranch (PHR). School attendance boundaries are set by the Board of Education and may be subject to change as necessary to balance enrollment and serve new communities within the District.

The questions below have been received via email from the public and/or collected since mid-October through December 2018.

Student Demographics

3.1 Q. What is the current open enrollment at Solana Ranch School?

As of November 5, 2018, there are 38-48 open seats (depending on the grade levels in which students enter the school) in classrooms with a teacher of record across grade levels at Solana Ranch School without adding any new teachers or changing schedules.

3.2 Q. In regards to enrollment projections for School #8, what is the Student Generation Rate (SGR) for Pacific Highlands Ranch (PHR) communities and is it based on the population of Carmel Valley, Solana Beach, or specific PHR communities?

The Student Generation Rate used to calculate the projections for School #8 and Solana Ranch is based on the Pacific Highlands Ranch community. The Student Generation Rate for Pacific Highlands Ranch communities varies between .3 and .6 depending on the type and age of home.

3.3. Q. Is there an enrollment prediction for School #8 that is based on data from a similar and relevant Pacific Highlands Ranch community?

Yes, the Student Generation Rate used to predict School #8 enrollment is based in similar PHR communities. Please see slides 4, 5, and 6 on December 6 presentation available on the website at the following link(s):
English -

https://www.sbsd.k12.ca.us/cms/lib/CA01001886/Centricity/Domain/4/SBSD%20Board%20Discussion%20PHR%202018_12_06.pdf

Mandarin Chinese -

https://www.sbsd.k12.ca.us/cms/lib/CA01001886/Centricity/Domain/4/SBSD%20Board%20Discussion%20PHR%202018_12_06_Chinese.pdf

3.4 Q. What is the confidence (e.g. confidence intervals) of the enrollment prediction?

The calculations used to predict student enrollment are based on Studyblock areas within PHR. Studyblock areas are congruent with the school attendance boundary. This PHR Studyblock has 15 fewer students in kindergarten in 2018 than the previous year in spite of a projected 8 additional kindergarten students from new housing (Decision Insite Conservative 2018 Projection). Of the 568 projected, 75 were projected kindergarteners, (previous year kindergarten class was 71 students). The actual count of kindergarteners in this Studyblock this year is 58, (including the 8 from new developments). Students projected from a Studyblock do not indicate whether or not the students attend Solana Ranch or Solana Beach schools.

3.6 Q. According to the projection, student enrollment in School #8 will decrease in 10 years. In an enrollment projection done by the school district for Skyline School, a school in an older community, enrollment would increase over a 10-year period. What is the explanation that enrollment for a school in a newer community (like School #8) would decrease faster than a school in older communities (like Skyline School)?

Student enrollment in Pacific Highlands Ranch is projected to decline over time. This is the case throughout the District, including Skyline School.

3.7 Q. Wouldn't the most prudent approach be to say no to building School #8, no to the Solana Ranch School expansion, and build-out capacity in existing schools first?

The District is continuing to explore various options for student attendance and will continue to analyze enrollment and capacity at all schools to continue to address the short- and long-term need for classrooms and programs across the district.

3.8 Q. For the One Paseo community, a Student Generation Rate of .2 and .06 have been used to predict the student enrollment. What data has been used to support these values?

The high end of the projection, .2, is based on what we see in average multi-family housing within the district (e.g. Signature Point in Carmel Valley). The low end of .06 is based on Pell Place (a multi-family development in Carmel Valley), which is similar to One Paseo in size, number of rooms, and demographic. One Paseo units are for the rental market and will likely have a student generation rate of .06 K-6 students per household.

3.9 Q. If the student enrollment projections have been historically accurate, then why is enrollment at Solana Ranch School already exceeding capacity of the school?

The enrollment at Solana Ranch is **not** exceeding capacity. Solana Ranch School has 38 total classrooms (inclusive of the four new modular classrooms). Currently, 27 grade-level classrooms are in use which translates to space for 621 students (27 classrooms with an average of 23 students per classroom). Classes are loaded at an average of 20:1 (K-3), 27:1 (4-6), for an overall K-6 average of 23:1. As of November 7, 2018, 573 students were enrolled leaving approximately 38-48 open seats available for students across grade levels depending on the grade levels in which students enter the school. Two additional classrooms are currently available in the main building (without impacting the specialty classrooms set aside for STREAM, Media, Music, Technology, Art, etc.), which increases the capacity to 667 (29 classrooms with 23 students per classroom). With the new modular classrooms at Solana Ranch, the capacity is now 690 students, while maintaining eight specialty classroom spaces.