

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 5:30 PM

HS CONFERENCE ROOM

705 N 9th Street

Arlington, NE 68002

1. Special Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call
 - 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action to Approve Option Policy 5006 Capacity for 2022-2023
3. Adjourn

StudentsElementary Class Size Limit and Reduction

The board of education recognizes that classroom environment is most effective when class sizes remain manageable for teachers. Furthermore, research indicates students learn better in smaller class sizes. The Superintendent and Elementary Principal are authorized to take action on the addition or elimination of sections of elementary classes if the following conditions exist:

Enrollment exceeds or falls below the following grade level limits per section:

Pre-School: Currently Regulated by the Office of Early Childhood

Kindergarten: 22 students per section

First Grade: 22 students per section

Second Grade: 23 students per section

Third Grade: 24 students per section

Fourth Grade: 24 students per section

Fifth Grade: 25 students per section

Sixth Grade: 25 students per section

Class sizes will be reviewed for section size during the enrollment periods during the summer and beginning of second semester.

If section sizes are within one student of needing an additional section, consideration will be given to Special Education points per classroom section, to determine if the additional section is necessary.

SPED Points Assignment by Verification Area:

- Articulation/Speech Support (1 point)
- Specific Learning Disability in a single content area; requires in-class support or minimal pull-out time (2 points)
- Alternate curriculum in at least one content area (developmental delay or multiple SLD verifications) (3 points)
- Intellectual Disability or Other Health Impairment Verification; requires alternative curriculum in all core areas (4 points)

Date of First Reading: February 10, 2020

Date of Adoption: March 9, 2020 : August 24, 2020

Option Enrollment Facts

Net Positive for next year: 94

Employee Children: 26

Pending Employee Children: 2

Two-Year Automatic: 21

Pending 2-Year Automatic: 2

Have Siblings (pending new applications): 3

Total employee/automatic/pending siblings: 54

If we freeze now, to offset the cost, we would need the following levy adjustments:

Year	Net	Funding Yield Next Year	Difference	Levy Offset Increase	Collective Increase
21-22	94	\$998,760	na	na	
22-23	74	\$786,257	\$212,503	.03	.03
23-24	58	\$616,256	\$170,000	.023	.053
24-25	42	\$446,254	\$170,002	.023	.076
25-26	31	\$329,378	\$116,876	.015	.091
26-27	22	\$233,752	\$95,626	.013	.104

Currently 56 students leave our district to option into others. We will not be able to prevent this from happening. These projections are based upon keeping current enrollment and not adding any new students. The net option positive numbers will drop more quickly as we include the amount leaving, which has the negative impact on the numbers. You can assume that anywhere from 4-5 students option out of each class on average, and there is no protection to combat that. So we will lose more funding even more quickly if that trend continues.

Year	Net	Funding Yield Next Year	Difference	Levy Offset Increase	Collective Levy Increase
21-22	94	\$998,760	na	na	
22-23	70	\$743,750	\$255,010	.034	.034
23-24	50	\$531,250	\$212,500	.029	.063
24-25	30	\$318,750	\$212,500	.029	.092
25-26	15	\$159,375	\$159,375	.0215	.1135
26-27	2	\$21,250	\$138,125	.019	.133

Dr. Lewis,

Respectfully, these are some numbers to put to the activities count of students who participate in a variety of offerings at the high school level (based on checklist provided by sponsors):

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Option</u>	<u>Resident</u>
Band	29	6	23
One Act	15	6	9
FBLA	50	15	35
Skills	18	7	11
FFA	35	8	27
Striv	6	2	4
NHS	13	3	10

2020-21 Option In 138

2021-22 Option In 149 (71 HS)

2020-21 Net Option +89 students

2021-22 Net Option +93 students (43 HS)

Grade	Total Option In Per Oct 1 NDE Reporting	Employee	Have Older Sibs	2 Yr. Auto	Temp/Moving Back	Moved In District After Oct 1	Opt Out	Net	notes
K	9	1	6				4	5	
1	7	3	3	1			1	6	
2	6	2	2				4	2	
3	9	2	2	1			3	6	
4	8	1	5				3	5	
5	4	1	1	1		1	2	2	
6*	14		2			3	2	12	Total is actually 11/net is actually 9
7	10	1	2	3			1	9	
8	11	2	3	3	3		6	5	
9	16	3	5				7	9	
10	16	3	2	1	1		3	13	
11*	19	1		5			14	5	
12	18	3	1	5			4	14	
Totals	147	23	34	20	4	4	54	93	
Current Applications Awaiting Action									
Employee	2								
Sibs	8								
Two Year Auto	4	Currently Attend							
New	12								
Total	26								
Attend St. Pauls/Trinity	4								

* We made an exception for two students during the first month of school last fall whose parents were alumni and whose kids had been online learners in the previous year; did not exceed capacity.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the School Board is required by law to adopt by resolution policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has received and reviewed evidence and information submitted by the administration and other sources and made determinations thereon with respect to standards for acceptance or rejection and with respect to the capacity of this school district to accept option enrollment students based upon available staff, available facilities, projected enrollment, and availability of special education programs; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has determined that the educational interests of this school district would be best served by adoption of the resolutions, and the policies and specific standards herein contained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Option Enrollment Policy presented to the School Board as Policy 5006, and Appendix “1” to such Policy 5006, should be and the same are hereby adopted, and any previous policy or interpretation or application of the option enrollment program which is or has been inconsistent with the Policy 5006, and Appendix “1” to such Policy 5006, are repealed effective on the date of the passage of this resolution,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all paragraphs, subparagraphs, and portions of words of this Resolution, of Policy 5006, and Appendix “1” to such Policy 5006 are severable and that in the event any of the same are determined to be invalid for any reason, such determination shall not affect the validity of any of the remainder of the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications should be and are hereby adopted, for applications filed after adoption of this resolution, and are hereinafter set forth:

The above Resolution, having been read in its entirety, member _____ moved for its passage and adoption, member _____ seconded the same. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution (Indicate Y or N): _____, _____, _____, _____, _____.

The following members voted against the same: _____.

The following members were absent or not voting: _____. The Resolution having been consented to and approved by more than a majority of the members of the School Board, was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska open meetings law.

DATED this 7th day of March, 2022.

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

By: _____
President

Attest: _____
Secretary

The following is Appendix “1” to Policy 5006 for the 2022-2023 School Year. The Board of Education hereby sets forth the maximum number of option students for the 2022-2023 school year in any program, class, grade level or school building or in any special education programs operated by this school district, based upon available staff, facilities, projected enrollment of resident students, projected number of students with which this school district will contract based on existing contractual arrangements, and availability of appropriate special education programs. Any program, class, grade level, or school building which has “0” as the No. of Option Students is hereby declared unavailable to option students due to lack of capacity.

PROGRAM	SECTION SIZE CAPACITY	PROJECTED TOTAL ENROLLMENT
Kindergarten	18	44
First	20	44
Second	21	50
Third	22	36
Fourth	22	50
Fifth	23	51
Sixth	23	46
PROGRAM	PROGRAM CAPACITY	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT
Seventh	58	62
Eighth	58	58
Ninth	68	48
Tenth	68	50
Eleventh	68	65
Twelfth	68	55
Level I K-6 Speech	10	14
Level II K-6 Multi-categorical	15	34
Level I 7-12 Speech	10	0
Level II 7-12 Multi-categorical	15	30
Level III K-6	0	5
Level III 7-12	0	5
Level IV	0	2

Option Enrollment Numbers

If the Arlington School Board were to eliminate option enrollment. The below numbers show what the eliminate of option enrollment would mean for each sport.

Sports that are limited by this school board policy change:

Girls Basketball:

1. 22 Girls out for Girls Basketball 2021-2022.
2. Option Students: 2
3. Total: 20 girls out for girls' basketball
Summary: limited impact to this program

Boys Basketball:

1. 30 Boys out for Boys Basketball 2021-2022.
2. Option Students: 3
3. Total: 27 boys out for boys' basketball
Summary: limited impact to this program

Girls Cross Country:

1. 9 Girls out for Cross Country 2021
2. Option Students: 1
3. Total: 8 girls out for cross country
Summary: The impact is limited. My concern is that we have a sport that is growing and had a wonderful season and you will be cutting the soon to be depth out of this program.

Boys Cross Country:

1. 12 Boys out for Cross Country 2021
2. Option Students: 4
3. Total: 8 boys out for cross country
Summary: The impact is limited. My concern is that we have a sport that is growing and had a wonderful season and you will be cutting the soon to be depth out of this program.

Girls Track and Field:

1. 29 Females out for Track 2022
2. Option Students: 3
3. Total: 26 girls out for girl's track
Summary: limited impact to this program

Boys Track and Field:

1. 28 Males out for Track 2022
2. Option Students: 12
3. Total: 16 boys out for boy's track

Summary: The impact would be that with 16 total athletes it would be extremely hard to compete as a team. In one meet this year with 28 boys out, they finished 3rd at their first meet of the year.

Boys Golf:

1. 13 Boy Golfers for 2022
2. Option Students: 4
3. Total: 9 boys out for boy's golf

Summary: limited impact to this program

Dance Team:

1. 11 Girls out for Dance in 2021-2022
2. Option Students: 2
3. Total: 9 girls out for dance

Summary: Limited impact to this program. We have always hoped to have around 12 dancers on the dance team.

Volleyball:

1. 19 Girls out for Volleyball in 2021
2. Option Students: 3
3. Total: 16 girls out for volleyball

Summary: To have 16 athletes out for volleyball. We would eliminate the reserve schedule. That would mean 11 less games for our Freshman and Sophomores. That would mean that 9 girls that live in district would be greatly affected by this change. They would lose playing time by this decision.

Softball:

1. 21 Girls out for Softball in 2021
2. Option Students: 6
3. Total: 15 girls out for softball

Summary: To have 15 athletes out for softball. We would eliminate most of the JV softball schedule (10 games in 2021). The few JV games we could play we would have to play only a few JV innings. This would greatly affect 7 in district underclassman and their ability to have playing time and improve on their skill development in a game.

Baseball:

1. 19 Boys out for Baseball in 2022
2. Option Students: 6
3. Total: 13 boys out for baseball

Summary: to have 13 athletes out for baseball. We would eliminate the entire JV baseball schedule (13 games in 2022). This would greatly affect 6 in district underclassman and their ability to get any playing time at all during season. In effect you may be effectively ending baseball in Arlington.

Girls Golf:

1. 3 Females out for Girls Golf in 2021
2. Option Students: 1
3. Total: 2 girls out for girl's golf

Summary: Do we have a golf team with only two girls on the team. Under this proposed policy change; would you then eliminate girls golf? If you were to eliminate girls golf you are now out of compliance with Title IX.

Football:

1. 39 Boys out for Football in 2022
2. Option Students: 13
3. Total: 26 boys out for football

Summary: Currently in the way you count enrollment for football (boy count only). Our number this year was 85. We have 26 males that are option enrolled this school year. That would move our number to 59 males 9-11. (You do not count seniors in your counts per NSAA rules). Our new boy count number 59 would move us to C-2 in Football. That would also mean that there would be 21 school in C-2 that had higher boy count numbers than Arlington under this new policy proposal.

Wrestling:

1. 13 Boys out for Wrestling in 2022
2. Option Students: 5
3. Total: 8 boys out for wrestling

Summary: Under this proposal to only have 8 athletes out for wrestling would make it extremely hard on our coach staff to have practice. It would be almost impossible to have practice partners that were of the same weight. Due to this policy these 8 in district students would have a competitive disadvantage.

Cheerleading:

1. 11 Females out for Cheerleading in 2021-2022
2. Option Students: 6
3. Total: 5 girls out for cheerleading

Summary: Under this proposal you would on have 5 athletes out for cheer. It would make it extremely hard to cover all the games in the fall and winter. With 5 girls it would be hard to compete at state cheer. This policy could end our opportunity to offer an outstanding cheer program.