K-12 Enrollment and High School Graduates at Bellevue College

I. K-12 enrollments across the state have varied little over the past five years.

- Chart 1: there have been very modest increases in enrollments for the K-12 districts in BC’s service area\(^1\) over the past five years.

II. Projections of high school graduates who will attend Bellevue College

- Chart 2: the projection for high school graduates attending BC will remain fairly stable as enrollment fluctuations in selected K-12 district populations balance each other out.

**Chart 2. Assumptions and explanations**

1. Fall 2011 enrollments are sustained over the next 12 years (i.e., current enrollments will progress to the next grade level).
2. Each grade level was assigned a "graduation year" (i.e., Grade 12 = 2012, Grade 11 = 2013, etc.).
3. HS Grads at BC calculation: the percentage of HS grads at BC in 2008-09 multiplied by the number of students in each grade level multiplied by the Estimated 2011 On-time Graduation Rate of 75%. (2008-09 market share was used because it was the last year that SBCTC generated recent HS graduate information. The new Education Research Data Center [ERDC] data appear to undercount the share of high school graduates.)

\(^1\) Indicated by an asterisk (*).
III. On-Time Graduation Rates

- Chart 3: On-time Graduation Rates of school districts surrounding BC are higher than the state average of 76.5% in 2010-11. The dashed blue line (---) below shows the 2010-11 state average.

![Chart 3. On-time Graduation Rate by School District, 5-year Trend](chart3)

IV. High School Drop-out Rates

- Chart 4: In 2010-11 the High School Dropout rate for the state was 4.6%. All of BC’s service area K-12 districts were substantially below the state average.

![Chart 4. Dropout Rate by School District, 5-Year Trend](chart4)
V. 10th Grade Test Scores

- **Chart 5a:** In 2010-11 the four K-12 districts in BC's service area performed better than the state average on the 10th Grade Reading and Writing tests.

![Chart 5a. 10th Grade Reading and Writing Test Scores for 2010-11 Comparing Selected School Districts and WA State](chart5a)

- **Chart 5b:** In 2010-11 the four K-12 districts in BC's service area performed better than the state average on the 10th Grade Math and Science tests. (Note: “EOC” means “end of course” exam.)

![Chart 5b. 10th Grade Math and Science Test Scores for 2010-11 Comparing Selected School Districts and WA State](chart5b)
VI. K-12 Student Needs

- **Chart 6a:** Nearly every K-12 district shows a steady increase in the percentage of students in the Free or Reduced Lunch program; in AY 2010-11, statewide 43.7% of students participated. While there are similar patterns present in BC service area schools, the percentages are considerably lower.

- **Chart 6b:** The percentage of students in Transitional Bilingual programs in AY 2010-11 was 8.7% statewide. Three districts near BC exceeded the state average—Bellevue (9.4%), Kent (16.5%), and Renton (14.6%).

- **Chart 6c:** Statewide, the percentage of students in Special Education programs has varied little over the 5-year period (13.1% in AY 2010-11). Three districts near BC hovered around the state average—Kent (12.9%), Northshore (13.4%) and Renton (13.7%).