

**Subject:** Re: Student Enrollment discrepancies  
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The Illinois Report Card is released in October of each year for the previous school year, so the current report card that is posted on ISBE's sites was released in October 2022 for the 2021-22 school year. Therefore, that data is nearly two years old at this point. A new report card will be released this Fall, for last school year – the enrollment data will likely not match our current live enrollment counts. If you look at all of the dates in our Data Warehouse, you will see a fluctuation in enrollment numbers throughout the 2022-23 school year.

We anticipate enrollment at around 7,400, as that aligns with demographic statistics for the Decatur area. The 80% that Mr. Conn mentioned is the percentage of anticipated students who had registered for the 2023-24 school year as of Monday.

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**From:** Reed Sutman <reed@decaturnote.com>  
**Date:** Friday, August 11, 2023 at 2:15 PM  
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Hi,

The Illinois Report Card shows student enrollment at 8,147 for 2022. The District's Data Warehouse shows 7,468 for 12/19/2022. Dr. Clark recently said the District had about 7,400 students. The Data Warehouse says 7,626 as of May 30, 2023. Eldon Conn said student enrollment was at 80% as of last Friday.

1. Can you help me understand the discrepancies, especially between the 8,147 IL Report card and the 7,468 Data Warehouse for 2022?
2. When Dr. Clark said about 7,400 was that regarding the 80% who had registered, or the expectation if 100% registered?

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