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Thanks to a large kindergarten class, the largest in the elementary grades, Chase County Schools' enrollment is up by 20 students this year.

This year's 563 students is a 3.6 percent increase over last year's 543, according to the school's report dated Aug. 31.

CCS Supt. Matt Fisher was expecting this year's enrollment to be up, mainly due to a very small 2010 graduating senior class of 26.

That's contrasted by the 52 kindergartners (as of the report date).

When looking at just the grade 9-12 numbers, those four grades also show a big increase of 34 students, largely due to this year's 61 freshmen compared to last year's 36 ninth graders.

This year's freshman student body is the largest of all the K-12 classes. The kindergarten class is the only one in the 50s. This year's seniors and the sixth grade class are tied for fourth largest with 48 each, just a student behind the fifth graders at 49.

Fisher believes CCS's enrollment will continue to hold its own in the coming years.

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