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UP TO THE CHALLENGE.



STUDENT ENROLLMENT DECREASES IN RECENT YEARS

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Due to rezoning and an aging neighborhood, the yearly enrollment has been declining in recent years. During the 2021-2022 school year, the student population was 1,933 students. This school year, from 2022-2023, there were only 1,720.

"What declining enrollment means for us is that we need to make sure that as a school, we are still doing the good things that we have always done so we can retain kids."

"I think there are many reasons for the declining enrollment, one of those being that we have old neighborhoods, and people love this place, so they don't move out when their kids are gone. It also means that we have to be more active in our community and try to help our community see all of the awesome things we do at Arapahoe, like being present in middle schools and

inviting elementary schools to come to our different events."

"It makes us market our school in ways that we didn't used to have to do. Another factor is that when Valor came onto the scene, they took a lot of Douglas County kids that we were getting from Cherry Hills."

"The way that schools are funded is by enrollment, so each kid is worth a certain amount of money to the state. When there are fewer kids here, we don't get as much funding, which causes us to cut positions and teachers because the biggest portion of our funding goes to salaries and benefits."

"We try really hard not to cut programs such as culinary, performing arts, or journalism. We are not to that point yet, but it is something we think about a lot," **ABBY KUHLMANN, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**, said.

3.617

MEDIAN GRADE POINT AVERAGE

1,728

STUDENTS ENROLLED

441 SENIORS
449 JUNIORS
414 SOPHOMORES
424 FRESHMEN

49

INTEREST CLUBS OFFERED

50+

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSES

100

FACULTY MEMBERS

87 TEACHERS
8 COUNSELING
5 ADMINISTRATORS

48

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

WHY DO YOU LIKE OUR SCHOOL?

"The diversity, because other schools don't have a ton of diversity and Arapahoe is very nice and welcoming."
DEVON ARCHULETA, 11

"The environment, everyone is chill, it's a good school in general."
CADE KAMINSKI, 11

"I really like the teachers, especially Mr. Weyrich because he always makes class really fun and jokes with people."
BLAKE HANSEN, 11

"It's gotta be the sports, I love going to the games and being involved, I also run cross country and track."
JOHN "JOHNNY" FORBES, 12

"I really like football, and the friendships I make especially because Sterling [DeCosta] is on the team."
GABRIEL "GABE" GARCIA, 09

"The people, I like my friends."
BERKELEY GRIFFIN, 09

"I love the sense of community and all of the kind teachers, the supportive players when playing sports, and I just like it overall."
MADELEINE MOLONEY, 09

"I like the community involvement and school spirit of sports and I've met a lot of cool people I wouldn't know otherwise. It also gives you something to work for. I've become super committed to tennis."
CADE SIGAFUS, 09

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

FALL