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Mansfield district makes adjustments as it exceeds 28,000 enrollment

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The speedometer tracking the Mansfield school district's enrollment just zipped past another milestone.

This week the district reached 28,030 students. Mansfield officials had expected the district's enrollment to top out at 27,500 this year. But each year, enrollment seems to exceed expectations.

"I don't think we're ever totally used to it, but we have become accustomed to dealing with such fast growth," superintendent Vernon Newsom said, noting that his staff is quick to make adjustments as new students arrive.

Newsom said that most of the growth is spread throughout the grade levels but that adjustments had to be made in some elementary schools when student-to-teacher ratios neared the state's limit of 22-to-1. At some of those schools, more classes had to be added after school started or grade levels at certain schools were closed, requiring future students to attend another school, he said.

Mansfield is often cited as the second-fastest-growing district in the state behind Frisco. In May, voters approved \$241.5 million for six new schools to help keep up with the growth.

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Mansfield school district by the numbers

55,475 Expected enrollment by 2015

33 Schools currently in the district

9 Schools under construction or in the planning stages

3 High schools currently open

7 High schools expected to be needed by 2016

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