

FY 2009 QUESTION NUMBER: 41

QUESTION:

Provide trend data on enrollment and staffing projections for speech pathologists.

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ANSWER:

The Montgomery County Public Schools staffing ratio for speech and language pathologist positions (SLP) is 56.4 students per full time employee (FTE) at the K-12 level and 40 students per FTE at the prekindergarten level. The chart below indicates trend information from FY 2005 through FY 2009. The staffing data for FY 2005 through FY 2007 shows actual enrollment and the number of FTEs provided either by MCPS employees or contractual services using budgeted staffing ratio requirements.

	<i>Actual</i>			<i>Budgeted</i>	
	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Preschool:					
Enrollment	1,135	1,131	1,116	1,250	1,200
Positions	28.38	28.28	27.90	31.00	30.00
Ratio	40.0:1	40.0:1	40.0:1	40.0:1	40.0:1
K-12					
Enrollment	8,441	8,228	7,688	8,400	8,000
Positions	140.68	145.89	136.31	149.00	141.80
Ratio	60.0:1	56.4:1*	56.4:1	56.4:1	56.4:1

*The budgeted staffing ratio for K-12 decreased from 60.0:1 in the FY 2006 Operating Budget.