

Home School Data Request Report

September 2019

The Westerly School Committee requested a report on home schooling in Westerly. As requested, we examined the difference (delta) in homeschool requests over a five year period of time to ascertain if there was a significant increase in home school requests. The report contains information on the number of new versus renewed requests, requests by attendance area, annual differences. We found that there are fluctuations in requests, both increases and decreases from year to year. The largest increase was seen between SY15 and SY16 (+20) and the largest decrease between SY16 and SY17 (-16). The difference between SY19 and SY20 is currently (-37) but we attribute this to the fact that the data for SY20 is as of September 17, 2019 .

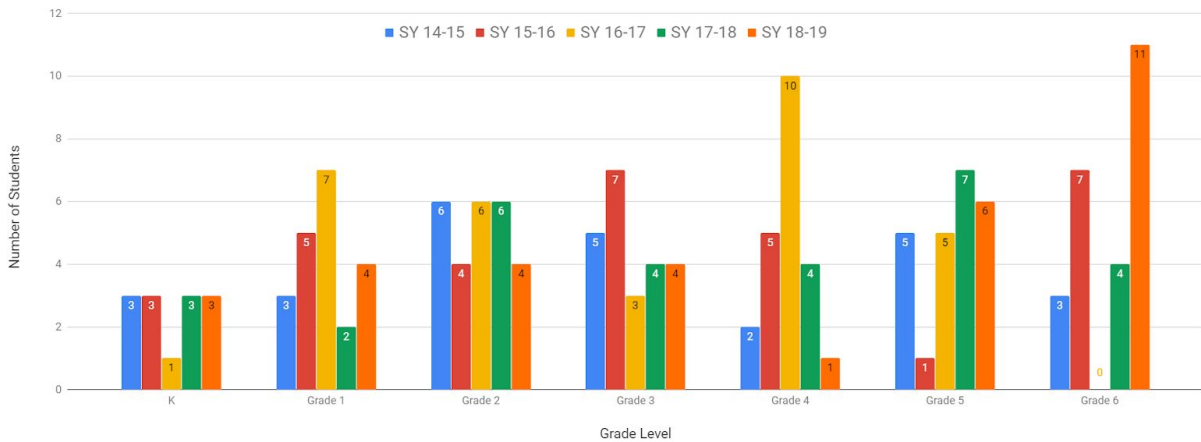
Total # Home School Requests between SY15 - SY19

School Year	Totals	% Total District Enrollment	Grand total all school age students
SY14/15	76	2.32%	3270
SY15/16	96	3.02%	3182
SY16/17	80	2.54%	3155
SY17/18	69	2.24%	3074
SY18/19	70	2.35%	2973
SY19/20	33	1.22%	2714

Five (5) year comparisons of home school requests by grade level

We were asked to compare homeschool requests by specific grade level. The graphs on the next page are represented as grade K - 6 and grade 7 -12 to facilitate ease in viewing.

Home School Totals Grades K-6 Five Year Comparison



SY 14/15 school year homeschool requests were relatively stable in grades k-6.

SY 15/16 school year requests were rather stable with the highest change (+3) increase between grade levels.

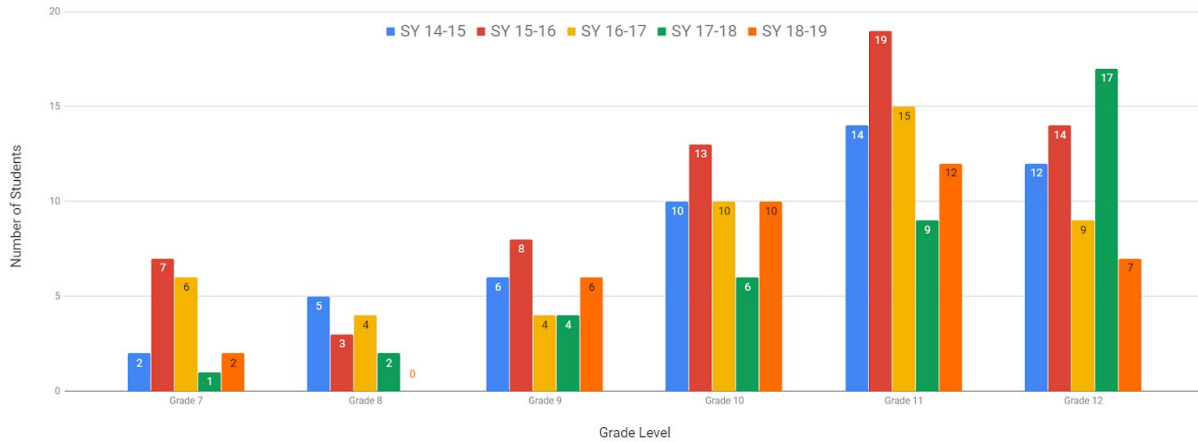
SY 16/17 saw a +6 increase between grade K and 1; a (+7) increase between grades 3 & 4; a (-5) decrease between grades 4 & 5 and grades 5 & 6.

SY 17/18 was rather stable with only a (+4) increase between grades 1 & 2.

SY 18/19 no remarkable changes between grades K & 3; between grades 3 & 4 there was a (-3) decrease; between grades 5 & 6 there was a (+5) increase.

WPS Home School Requests SY14/15 through SY19/20						
	SY 14-15	SY 15-16	SY 16-17	SY 17-18	SY 18-19	SY 19-20
K	3	3	1	3	3	1
Grade 1	3	5	7	2	4	1
Grade 2	6	4	6	6	4	1
Grade 3	5	7	3	4	4	1
Grade 4	2	5	10	4	1	2
Grade 5	5	1	5	7	6	2
Grade 6	3	7	0	4	11	3

Home School Totals Grades 7 - 12 Five Year Comparison



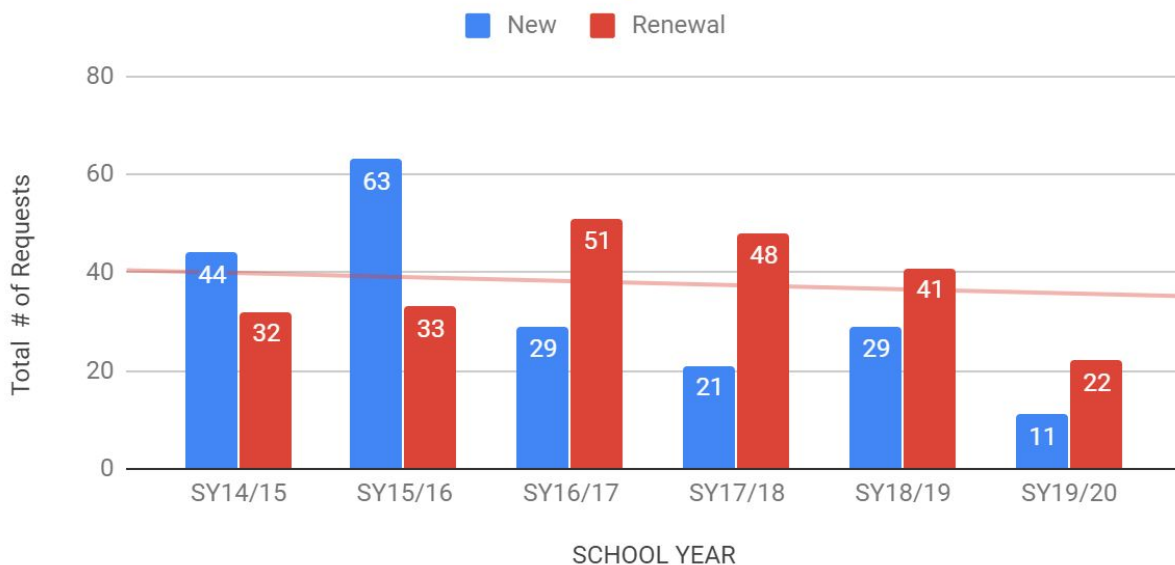
SY 14/15 mostly stable with a (+4) increase between grade 9 & 10 and grade 10 & 11.
 SY 15/16 Fluctuation in grades 7-9 for a net gain of one (1); a (+6) increase between grades 10 & 11; and a (-5) decrease between grade 11 & 12.
 SY 16/17 Relatively stable at grades 7, 8, & 9; a (+6) increase in grade 10; a (+5) increase in grade 11; a (-6) decrease in grade 12.
 SY 17/18 Relatively stable in grades 7,8,9,10; a (+3) increase at grade 11; a (+8) increase at grade 12.
 SY 18/19 Nothing remarkable at grade 7 & 8; a slight increase (+2) between grade 10 & 11; a (-5) decrease at grade 12.

WPS Home School Requests SY14/15 through SY19/20						
	SY 14-15	SY 15-16	SY 16-17	SY 17-18	SY 18-19	SY 19-20
Grade 7	2	7	6	1	2	5
Grade 8	5	3	4	2	0	2
Grade 9	6	8	4	4	6	1
Grade 10	10	13	10	6	10	2
Grade 11	14	19	15	9	12	8
Grade 12	12	14	9	17	7	4

New vs. Renewed Requests

- 100% of All K homeschool requests are new because of compulsory education laws.
- There was an increase in new HS requests in SY 14/15 & 15/16. Since then new homeschool request remain rather consistent (+/-8)
- Between SY14/15 and SY19/20 we see a decrease in the number of homeschool requests.
- Although it appears that there is an increase in renewals in SY16/17 this is not surprising because of the number of new requests received in SY15/16.
- The renewal amounts remain rather consistent from SY16/17 to SY18/19.
- Again, the SY19/20 figures are as of September 17, 2019. We are still in the beginning of year processing time period.
- The five year comparison indicates a downward trend in requests from SY14/15 to SY19/20.

WPS Five (5) Year Comparison of Home School Requests New and Renewal SY14/15 through SY 19/20

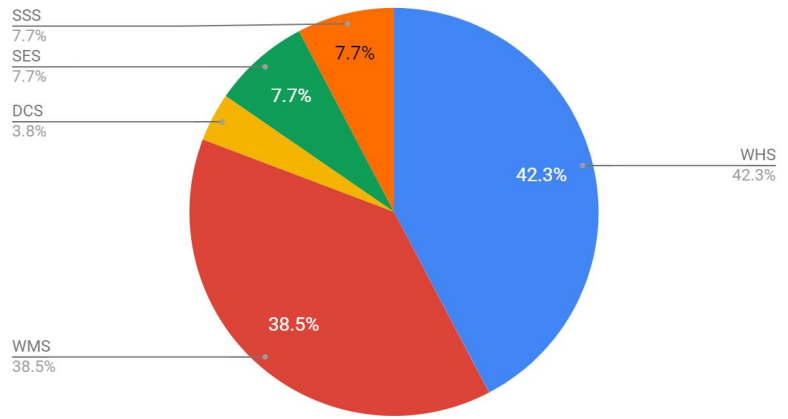


Attendance Area - Three Year Comparison

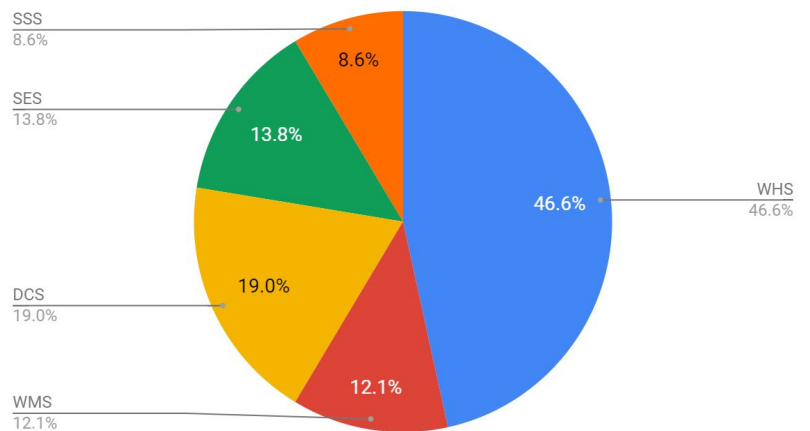
Homeschool requests by attendance area fluctuates greatly at the elementary and middle school levels basically due to family choice and the movement of students out of elementary into middle and then out of middle into high school. Hence, we see a consistent majority of home school requests from the high school attendance - it accounts for all high school age home school students. Whereas, at the elementary level the distribution is spread between multiple schools. Nothing remarkable to report here.

19/20	WHS	11
	WMS	10
	DCS	1
	SES	2
	SSS	2
18/19	WHS	27
	WMS	7
	DCS	11
	SES	8
	SSS	5
17/17	WHS	29
	WMS	5
	DCS	9
	SES	7
	SSS	11
	BES	3

WPS SY19/20 Home school request by Attendance Area



WPS SY18/19 Home school request by Attendance Area



WPS SY17/18 Home school requests by Attendance Area

