

OPTIONS SCHOOLS FAQs

Q1: How is staffing for Options schools determined?

A: The month 6 classification report count is the basis for an Options school's Norm enrollment. The allocation of certificated and clerical personnel for Options schools is based on the prior year's validated Month 6 Norm enrollment. Therefore, Norm-based positions for SY2025-26 will be allocated using validated SY2024-25 Month 6 enrollments. For more information, including the latest Norm bulletins, visit the School Fiscal Services website at <https://www.lausd.org/domain/185>.

Q2: Which screens in E-CAST display Options schools' enrollments?

A: E-CAST's EACE and Budget screens display Options schools E-CAST enrollment forecasts. Options schools' validated September 12, 2025, enrollments serve as the basis for the forecast. E-CAST's Special Education screen displays the Special Day Program enrollment counts. E-CAST's Comparative Enrollment History screen displays the historical data.

Q3. Why do the SY2026-27 E-CAST screens reflect the Options schools' September 12, 2025 (Norm Day) enrollments as enrollment forecasts?

A: E-CAST reflects the SY2026-27 forecasted enrollments for the entire District. For comprehensive schools, E-CAST's forecasted enrollments serve as the basis for their initial resource allocation for the SY2026-27 school year. For Options schools, their SY2026-27 allocations are based on the current year's validated Month 6 enrollments, which tend to be much higher than their Norm Day counts due to student referrals from comprehensive schools occurring in the Spring semester. Therefore, to avoid duplicated counts and overstating the forecasted enrollments, Options schools' prior year Norm Day counts are used as their forecasted enrollments.

Q4: When and where will I be able to view my school's Norm enrollment and staffing for SY2026-27?

A: The Month 6 Norm data validation process typically occurs during Budget development, usually sometime between February and March. Once the Norm data process is completed, Budget Services will distribute the Options schools' SY2026-27 Norm enrollment and staffing report through the Office of Transitional Programs.

Q5: What happens in E-CAST after Norm Day?

A: After Norm Day arrives in the fall, Budget Services goes through the process of validating the Norm Day data. Once that process is completed, actual Norm enrollments are uploaded into E-CAST and typically become available for viewing on your school's Budget screen approximately four weeks after Norm Day.