



## **Santa Ana Unified School District Enrollment Trends Impact on Santa Ana College Credit Enrollment**

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### **Background**

In response to questions regarding the potential impact of Santa Ana College (SAC) enrollment due to declining feeder school enrollment, particularly the Santa Ana Unified School District (SAUSD), the Research Department has compiled this report to assist administration and staff in assessing the impact of enrollments at SAC.

### **Summary of Findings**

- Total enrollment at SAUSD has slightly declined since 2002-2003 (63,548 to 61,682).
  - Elementary enrollments (K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade) have declined, whereas high school (9<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade) enrollments have continued to grow, indicating that persistence in high school is improving slightly.
- The numbers of SAUSD high school graduates have steadily increased since 1996-1997 (1,754 to 2,903).
- Current projections indicate continued growth in the number of graduates through 2005-2006 and minimal growth for the remainder of the decade when the 2000-2001 1<sup>st</sup> grade class is anticipated to graduate.
- SAUSD graduates (17-19 year of age) comprise only 5% (923 new freshmen from SAUSD/16,883 total SAC enrollment) of the total SAC on-campus enrollment.
- SAC enrolls about one-third of SAUSD graduates (32% to 38% in the last four years).

- With the exception of Fall 2002, the SAC on-campus (traditional programs) enrollment has remained steady since Fall 1998 (16,883 to 17,243).
- Younger SAC students (17 to 21 years of age) comprise of 31% to 36% of the total SAC enrollment (since Fall 2000 to Fall 2004). The loss in recent enrollment numbers is due to older students.

**Conclusions:**

The projected number of graduates from SAUSD will not decrease in the next few years but will continue to increase slightly. When, and if, the number of graduates decreases, they will not decrease below 2003-2004 numbers. SAUSD enrollment trends have little impact on SAC enrollments; there is, however, opportunity to recruit more graduates to SAC, as the number of graduates is increasing and our “market share” (the percentage that matriculate to SAC) has remained stable.

Because the first-time college attendance of new SAUSD graduates at SAC represents only 5% of total enrollments (although their FTES generation is greater), slight fluctuations in the number of their graduates has even less impact on SAC enrollment size.

Table 1

Academic Year	SAUSD					SAC On-Campus Enrollment	SAC New Freshmen from SAUSD	% SAUSD graduates enrolled at SAC
	SAUSD total enrollment	K - 8th grade enrollment	9th -12th grade enrollment	12 <sup>th</sup> grade enrollment	SAUSD Grads			
1997-98					1,895	18,726		
1998-99					2,062	17,101		
1999-00					2,145	17,218		
2000-01	60519	46895	13624	2474	2,330	17,139		
2001-02	61801	47821	13980	2586	2,484	16,961	751	32%
2002-03	63548	47773	15775	2777	2,670	18,393	941	38%
2003-04	62714	46962	15752	2928	2,903	17,243	903	34%
2004-05	61682	45749	15933	3058		16,883	923	32%

Chart 1

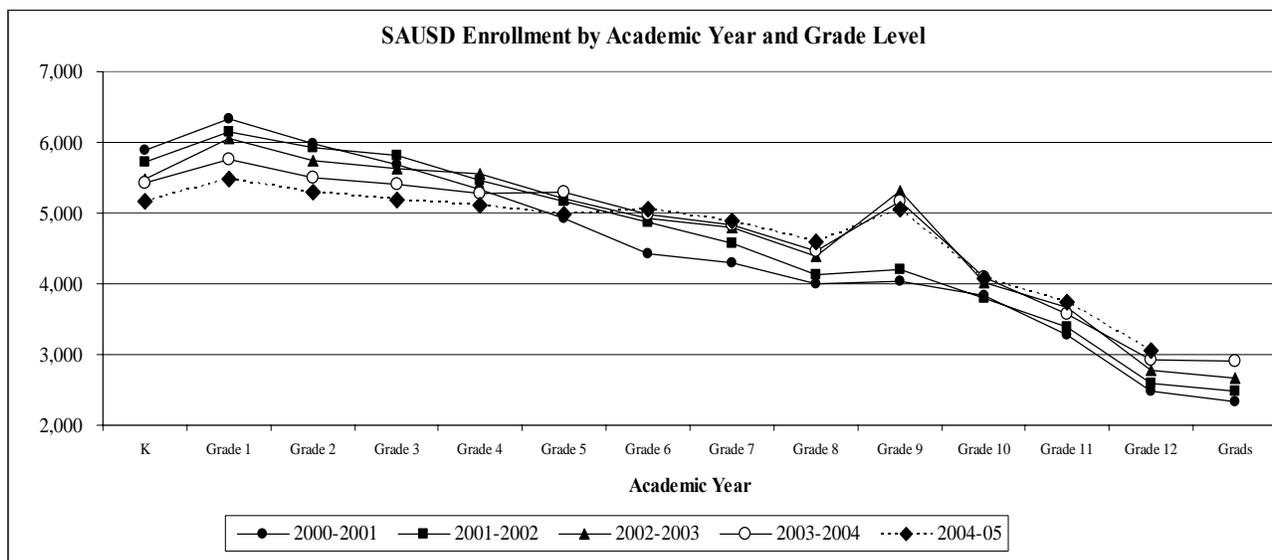


Table 2  
**Santa Ana Unified School District Enrollment, Projected Enrollment, and Graduates**

	K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Graduates
2000-01	5,897	6,335	5,978	5,686	5,338	4,926	4,435	4,297	4,003	4,040	3,830	3,280	2,474	2,330
2001-02	5,722	6,152	5,928	5,824	5,456	5,170	4,867	4,574	4,128	4,210	3,804	3,380	2,586	2,484
2002-03	5,475	6,054	5,742	5,638	5,560	5,201	4,929	4,791	4,383	5,319	4,010	3,669	2,777	2,670
2003-04	5,433	5,765	5,495	5,414	5,280	5,299	4,985	4,826	4,465	5,167	4,087	3,570	2,928	2,903
2004-05	5,170	5,483	5,289	5,184	5,108	4,987	5,052	4,885	4,591	5,062	4,069	3,744	3,058	3,032
2005-06		5,218	5,030	4,990	4,891	4,825	4,755	4,951	4,647	5,205	3,986	3,728	3,207	3,180
2006-07		-	4,787	4,746	4,708	4,620	4,600	4,659	4,710	5,268	4,099	3,652	3,193	3,166
2007-08		-	-	4,516	4,477	4,446	4,404	4,507	4,432	5,339	4,149	3,755	3,128	3,101
2008-09		-	-	-	4,261	4,229	4,239	4,316	4,288	5,025	4,205	3,801	3,216	3,189
2009-10	Projected Enrollment 2005-2006 thru 2011-2012 Projected Graduates 2004-2005 thru 2011-2012					4,024	4,032	4,154	4,106	4,861	3,957	3,852	3,256	3,228
2010-11						-	3,837	3,951	3,952	4,655	3,828	3,625	3,299	3,271
2011-12						-	-	3,760	3,759	4,480	3,666	3,507	3,105	3,079
Progression Rate* Latest Year	101%	92%	94%	94%	94%	94%	95%	98%	95%	113%	79%	92%	86%	99%
1 Years Ago	105%	91%	94%	94%	94%	95%	96%	98%	93%	118%	77%	89%	80%	99%
2 Years Ago	106%	93%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	98%	96%	129%	95%	96%	82%	96%
3 Years Ago	104%	94%	97%	96%	97%	97%	99%	103%	96%	105%	94%	88%	79%	96%
4 Years Change	-3.4%	-8%	-3.1%	-1.6%	-2.4%	-3.5%	-5.1%	-0.9%	8.2%	-15.4%	3.4%	6.8%	3.1%	

\*the porportion of students in each grade that progress to the next grade in the subsequent year.

Chart 2

