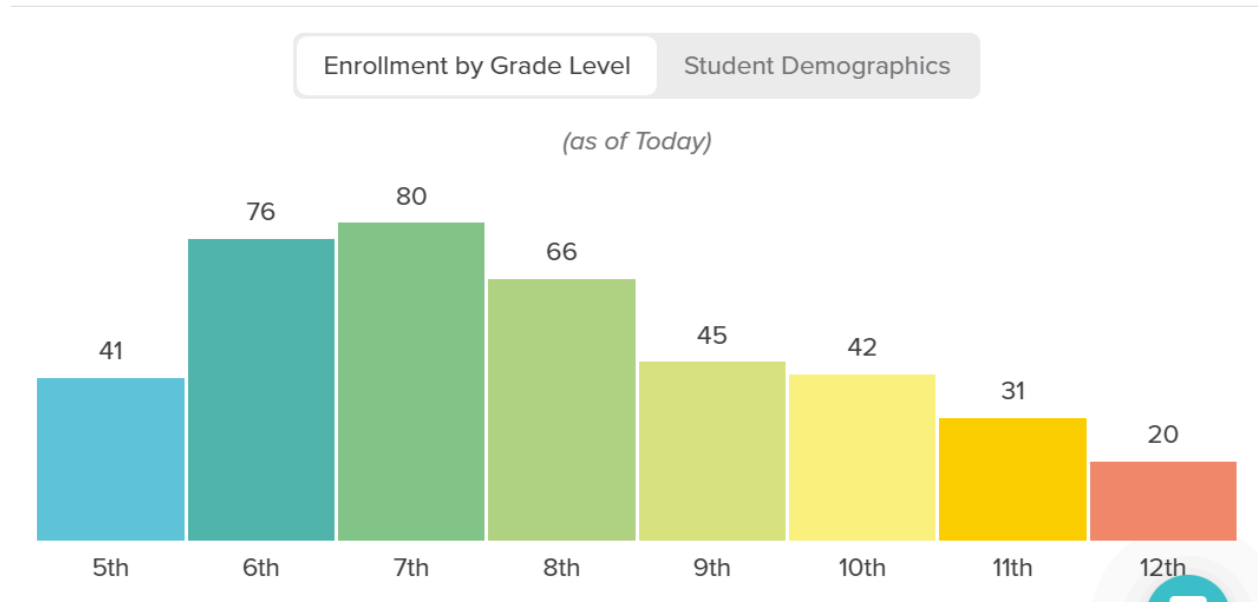




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1. **Assistant Dean of School Report:** See [here](#)
2. **Dean of Students Report:** See [here](#)
3. **Student Services Report:** See [here](#)
4. **Admissions Update:** We opened Admissions for the 2024-2025 school year on September 15, 2023. As of October 10, 2023, we have 27 applications and of those 18 are complete. 16 applications are for 5th grade, 4 applications are for 6th grade, 3 applications are for 7th grade, 1 application is for 8th grade and 3 applications are for 9th grade. We hosted our first Admissions Information Night for the 2024-25 school year on October 4th. Twelve families attended the session. The night was well attended by teachers and staff, and members of the Founders Academy band played. Admissions Information Nights are slightly different this year. In addition to a parent and student speaker we have invited a board member to speak and Bob Best spoke at the October 4th event. Additionally, we have added three ten minute mini-sessions in History, English, and Math for prospective families to participate in.



Last school year there were 26 Juniors. At the start of this school year there were 19, now there are 20 since one student moved to senior status. Three students transferred to other schools and three are still at Junior status with the possibility of transferring to senior status at some point during this school year. A policy meeting will be held on October 26th at 8am to discuss the following:

- How many students are repeating grade levels?
- How many students are repeating individual classes and at what frequency?



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- Are students who are repeating classes starting in 5th/6th grade or transferring in later in their career?
- What interventions are already in place for students who are falling behind?
- What is the criteria for a student being promoted to the next level?

- 5. Student Spotlight- Leadership Conference 2023:** Six fifth graders attended the Youth Leadership Conference at Northeast Delta Dental in Concord, NH for two days.. Professor Jay Bonstingl encouraged the students through a variety of activities about being a leader. Students learned about proper posture when sitting, standing, and walking as a leader. Students also learned about positive talking, identifying good qualities in a school, and students then created two separate plans that they would bring back to their school to complete. One of their plans was to help more in the school store. The other was to create an empathy project.
- 6. Back to School Night and BBQ:** Our Back to School Night and BBQ was a success. We had several families come in to meet their teachers and see the school. A number of families also joined us for the BBQ that night. We raised about \$900 for the annual fund with this event. Thank you to Chairman Best and Up In Your Grill for cooking the food that evening!
- 7. Fall Festival:** The Fall Festival is this Saturday, October 14, from 5:30 – 7:30. We hope to see you all there. The cost to attend the event is \$5 per person up to a maximum of \$20 per family. There will be pizza, water and snacks at the event. Your admission gets you one of each. Cotton Candy will also be sold for \$2. Please bring cash. We will be having a 50/50 raffle. The cost for all tickets is one for \$5, three for \$10, and ten for \$20. Please bring cash. Any Founders Teachers and Staff that attend the event will be automatically entered into a raffle to win \$250. The scarecrows will be on display at the event. You will be given a ticket upon admission to vote for your favorite one. The Middle School and High School winners will be announced at the event. The winner of the pumpkin raffle will be chosen at the end of the event. Schedule – The Fall Festival starts at 5:30, the winners of the scarecrow contest will be announced at 6:30, The winners of the 50/50 and the Teacher / Staff raffles will be announced at 7:00 and the pumpkin raffle winner will be announced between 7:15 – 7:30.
- 8. Charter School Leaders Conference:** On September 19th and 20th Dean Hayes attended a Best Practices Conferences at the NH Department of Education. This was an inspiring event and a good way for our school to network with other charter schools.
- 9. Thank you!:** Mrs. Smith for coordinating a college fair field trip, all families who have donated to the annual fund, all teachers, staff, parents, students and board members who

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attended the September admissions open house, Thrive Outdoor for working with our 5th graders, NH Fish and Game who came out for an in school field trip

- 10. Congratulations:** The six 5th graders who attended the leadership conference, Mr. Manning for earning your SNHU degree, all students who participated in the constitution reciting competition, all students who started new clubs this school year