

CLASS SIZE

The Board of Education recognizes that class size is an important aspect of the instructional program. The Board recognizes too, that the availability of classrooms, financial conditions, and other factors are important considerations in establishing class size. In view of these factors, a practical average class size for the district may vary. Special education class size will be dictated by state standards.

The Board of Education recognizes the desirability of reducing teacher-pupil ratio and class sizes in certain areas of instruction and further recognizes that for many learning experiences, the following teacher-pupil ranges may be desirable and whenever possible, should not exceed:

<u>Grade</u>		<u>Desired Class Size Range</u>
K - 1		15 - 20
2 - 5		17 - 22
6		54 - 72 per team
7 - 8		90 - 120 per team
9 - 12	AP	18 - 22
	Honors	20 - 25
	Regular	18 - 22
	Electives/Ungrouped	18 - 25

Physical education classes at all levels are outside the guidelines of this policy.

Where class sizes exceed these numbers or where there is a constant change in enrollment, an aide or HELP teacher may be assigned with Board approval to give specialized help to individual pupils.

It must be recognized that there are many variables and special consideration that could subject these guidelines to change when it is determined to be in the best interest of the pupils. Unusual circumstances may require deviation from these class size goals.

Classes smaller than 15 or larger than 28 require approval by the Superintendent. Classes less than 10 or larger than 30 require approval by the Board of Education.

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