

Policies of the Board of Education

Section H: Instruction

CLASS SIZE

800.08

The Board of Education believes that many factors must be given consideration in the establishment of class size. All efforts will be made to maintain classes at a sound educational level. However, this provision in no way should interfere with the ability of the Board and Administration to experiment with different forms of classroom instruction.

Recommended class sizes, to begin the school year other than special education classes, are only guidelines and not meant to be a static or a specific guarantee for enrollment or a contractual right:

4K	15 as a base (with a range of 3-5 additional resident students)
Kindergarten:	18 as a base (with a range of 3-6 additional resident students)
Grade 1	18 as a base (with a range of 3-6 additional resident students)
Grade 2	18 as a base (with a range of 3-6 additional resident students)
Grade 3	20 as a base (with a range of 3-6 additional resident students)
Grade 4	20 as a base (with a range of 3-6 additional resident students)
Grade 5	22 as a base (with a range of 3-4 additional resident students)
Grade 6	25 as a base (with a range of 3-4 additional resident students)
Grade 7	25 as a base (with a range of 3-4 additional resident students)
Grade 8	25 as a base (with a range of 3-4 additional resident students)

The following consideration will be used when making decisions:

- Current and projected enrollment. Class size might be low one year and projected to be higher the next year. The base number per class in this policy is the optimum class size that will be used in the spring of each school year to project the student enrollment and determine the available seats for the Open Enrollment Program.

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