



## **Class Size Guidelines**

The Sudbury Public Schools recognize the importance of class size guidelines to assist in budget planning, setting expectations, meeting students' needs, and maintaining schools' high-quality education. In 2016-2017, the School Committee created the SubCommittee on Class Size. The SubCommittee was charged with reviewing research, collecting data from comparable communities, and modeling impact on the budget. At the meeting on December 19, 2016, the School Committee affirmed the current class size guidelines.

The guidelines are not designed to be rigid triggers and do not apply to larger instructional groups, innovative groupings, or new pedagogical approaches. The following class size numbers should guide the administration for budgeting purposes and responding to enrollment fluctuations.

Kindergarten = 20 students per class

Grades 1 & 2 = 22 students per class

Grade 3-8 = 24 students per class

The administration will monitor and respond to enrollment changes to ensure classes are appropriately sized and supported. If the building principal believes that a particular class is not functioning properly, they will advise the Superintendent of the concerns. The Superintendent may execute the following actions, in no order of priority:

1. Continue with the current ratios.
2. Assign or increase a teacher assistant to that class for part or all of the day.
3. Reassign students to other classes or teams.
4. Open an additional section at that grade or for that subject matter.
5. Assign to an alternative elementary school.
6. Use other practical solutions as may be deemed appropriate.

Reference:

Sudbury School Committee Policy - IIB, "Class Sizes"