

Letter of Agreement
between
Highline Education Association
and
Highline School District

Middle School Health/PE Class Sizes
Effective School Year 2019-20

As sixth grade transitions into middle school, approximately 20 hours of 6th grade Health curriculum content will be integrated into PE, Science and/or Advisory classes. Health instruction for 7th and 8th grades may include stand alone Health classes and/or the integration of Health content into other classes (PE, Science, and /or Advisory). The curricular impact of this integration for 7th and 8th grades will be reviewed throughout the 2019-20 school year.


Therefore, the Highline School District (HSD) and Highline Education Association (HEA) agree to enter into a non-precedent setting agreement, for School Year 2019-20 only, to suspend the larger class size language for 7th and 8th grade PE classes that will include integrated Health content. If the Health content included in 6th grade PE exceeds eight (8) hours during first semester, this agreement will also apply to second-semester 6th grade PE classes. For schools that maintain stand-alone Health classes at one or more grades, the larger class size allowance for PE will remain for those grade levels with stand-alone Health.

For integrated Health/PE classes, however, class size ratios will be consistent with other subject areas, reflected by the strikethrough of PE provisions below. Again, this change does not apply to 7th and 8th grade PE classes that do not include Health content, nor to 6th grade PE classes, so long as the Health content remains less than eight (8) hours per semester.

D. Secondary (Middle and High School) Class Size:


- i. Class size in middle and high schools with less than a six period schedule will be at a student to teacher ratio of 33:1 (99 per day) with individual class capacity limited to 35 students. ~~PE classes will be at a student to teacher ratio of 38:1 (114 per day) with individual class capacity at 40 students.~~
- ii. Class size in middle and high schools with a six period schedule will be at a student to teacher ratio of 29:1 (145 per day) with individual class capacity limited to 32 students. ~~PE classes will be at a student to teacher ratio of 33:1 (165 per day) with individual class capacity limited at 36.~~

When a successor agreement is negotiated, HEA and HSD will examine the amount of Health content integrated into combined Health/PE classes during the 2019-20 school year and address appropriate class-size ratios accordingly.



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