

**Darien Public Schools  
Darien, Connecticut**

**POLICY**

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**Series 6500  
Instructional Arrangements**

**Policy 6510**

**Class Size**

The Darien Board of Education believes the number of pupils in a class affects the quality of education. The relationship between class size and student learning is complex and is affected by grade level, subject area, nature of the pupils, learning objectives, instructional methods and procedures, and the skills and attitude of the teacher and support staff.

The goal of the Class Size Policy is the establishment of appropriate class size ranges for the pupils, the teacher, the subject matter, and teaching methods of a particular grade or class.

Alternatives within the class size ranges should be weighed using the following criteria:

1. what is the optimal class size range given the nature of the class
2. what are the impediments considered that result in creating classes outside of the range
3. where possible, smaller classes should be run for our youngest students, students with the most significant challenges and in consideration of running electives that round out a diverse curriculum at the high school.

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**Class Size Administrative Guidelines**

<b><u>Grade Levels</u></b>	<b><u>K-1</u></b>	<b><u>2-3</u></b>	<b><u>4-5</u></b>	<b><u>6-12</u></b>	
Recommended Range	18	19	20	Below 18	Optimal Range
	19	20	21	18	
	21	22	23	22	
	22	23	24	23-24	

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