

Policies of the Board of Education

Series 300: Instruction

CLASS SIZE GUIDELINES

343.2-Rule (1)

Recommended class sizes, other than special education classes, shall be:

	<u>Maximum Size</u>	<u>Optimum Size</u>	<u>Minimum Size</u>
K-2	22	20	15
3-6	25	23	15
7-12 Lab Classes	24	22	15
7-12 Non-Lab Classes	30	25	15
Modified Regular Classes	21	16	*
Recover/At-risk Classes	12	8	*

*Per discretion of the superintendent.

Any class that falls three (3) students above the maximum or below the minimum size will need prior approval from the superintendent and any class with less than 12 excluding Sprouts students or more than 28/33 students will need approval from the Board of Education.

The following considerations will be used when making decisions:

- 1) Consideration will be given to those courses which are sequential in nature, such as Spanish I, II, III, and IV.
- 2) If assistant time would improve the instruction of the class.
- 3) Characteristics of special classes or special needs of students, such as vocational courses, advanced mathematics or science courses, or small group music instruction.
- 4) Attitude assessments of the community, local traditions, and current status of public opinion.
- 5) Current and projected enrollment. (Class size might be low one year and projected to be higher the next year).
- 6) The Board recognizes that these are guidelines and special circumstances or financial considerations may require class sizes even greater than the maximum or less than the minimum. Specific classes may be approved that are less than the minimum or greater than the maximum.
- 7) Modified regular classes – these classes would be open to identified students who need modifications in pacing, delivery, or depth of content in the particular curriculum.
- 8) Recover/At-risk classes – these classes are solely intended for the population of the student body who would not be eligible to graduate on time because of credit shortages.

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