

LIMITED CLASS SIZES

The Board of Education and the Head of School have created a responsible growth plan for NRCCS. Part of that plan includes the goal of limiting grade and class sizes. Limiting the number of students has multiple benefits, including:

- Maintaining the close-knit fabric of NRRCS is critical to its culture, its commitment to expeditionary learning, and the development of all students so they can achieve their highest potential in a positive, can-do, goal-oriented, nurturing and secure atmosphere.
- Research shows that smaller class size is one of only four evidence-based reforms that have been proven to increase student achievement.
- Smaller class size is the most effective method to improve the quality of teaching.
- When secondary students are placed in smaller classes, much greater time is spent “on task” and focused on learning, with special benefits for low-achievers and far lower rates of negative behavior.

The optimal size for Kindergarten is 13 and the optimal size for 2-grade crews is 24. However, the Head of School, has, at all times, the right, obligation and ultimate authority to use his/her best judgment for new enrollments in any class or crew.

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