



Class Size Guidelines

The Addison Central School District recognizes the correlation between class size and student achievement. There is also a balance between class size and our financial resources. The distribution of students among teachers rarely makes it possible to implement an exact numerical class size at any particular grade level. Within these guidelines there must be flexibility and additional factors must be incorporated when making these decisions.

The class-size guidelines below adhere to the Vermont State Board of Education Manual of Rules and Practices 2121.2. The grade spans noted below reflect incremental increases in class-size based on the developmental appropriateness of the students in each grade span. The Addison Central School District utilizes the following guidelines, as outlined in Procedure IKA, to determine class sizes.

Grade Band	Minimum	Maximum	Average*
K	10	19	Shall average <20 when taken together across ACSD
1-3	10	20	Shall average <20 when taken together across ACSD
4-12	10	24	Shall average <25 when taken together across ACSD

* From Vermont's Education Quality Standards, State Board Rule 2000: "Classes in grades K-3, when taken together, shall average fewer than 20 students per teacher. In grades 4-12, when taken together, classes shall average fewer than 25 students per teacher. The total class roll of a teacher shall not exceed 100 students, except where the specific nature of the teacher's assignment (such as in certain art, music, or physical education programs) is plainly adaptable to the teaching of greater numbers of students while meeting the educational goals of the program."

**At the secondary level, sizes vary by curricular area. Teachers of English/Language Arts classes are restricted to a total student load of 100 students.

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