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## **680 CLASS SIZE POLICIES**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The school district will endeavor to abide by the pupil-teacher ratios and class sizes recommended by the State Department of Education as follows:

### **II. DEFINITIONS**

A. Pupil-teacher ratios and class sizes for grades K-8 are recommended as follows:

- i. Elementary K-8 music teachers/specialists: an average of 240 students per day per week
- ii. K-8 (all other): 30:1 as the acceptable maximum

B. Pupil-teacher ratios and class sizes for grades 9-12 are recommended as follows:

- i. 9-12 physical education: 40 students per class per teacher
- ii. 9-12 music performing groups: an average of 180 students per day per week
- iii. 9-12 (all other): an average of 160 students per day per teacher
- iv. 9-12 pupil-teacher ratios and class size shall have a minimum with 15 students per class to be offered in the high school curriculum.

### **III. LIMITATIONS**

The district recognizes the principle that it is educationally sound not to exceed these class sizes; however, it reserves the right to exceed these ratios/maximums if any of the following conditions exist:

- A. If the imbalance is for one-half year or less;
- B. If the imbalance is restricted to an isolated class or subject;
- C. If a suitable qualified teacher cannot be hired to remedy the imbalance by items A and B above;
- D. If financial constraints do not permit;
- E. Or for other reasons that may arise from time to time.

