

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #097
POLICY**

CODE: D 6

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CLASS SIZE POLICY

Statement of Policy

It is the policy of the Barre Unified Union School District (BUUSD) to comply with Vermont law requiring school boards to develop guidelines for minimum and optimal average class sizes in regular and career technical education classes. Class size guidelines will be used to inform annual decisions related to staffing and program offerings.

Administrative Responsibilities

- 1) The superintendent or designee shall, in consultation with the building principals, develop class minimum, maximum, and optimum average class size guidelines that:
 - 1) Take into account the instructional needs of specific elementary grade intervals and required and elective courses at the secondary level.
 - 2) May vary, as necessary, to reflect differences among school districts due to geography and other factors, such as school size and programmatic needs.
 - 3) Comply with state or federal requirements related to matters such as student-teacher ratios, special education, technical education and English Language Learners.
- 2) The superintendent shall report to the Board at least annually on the implementation of this policy, and shall include in board the report information related to the use of the guidelines in determining actual class sizes and program offerings in the schools within the BUUSD.
- 3) In accordance with Act 153 of 2010, the superintendent shall ensure that this policy is posted on the BUUSD website.

I. Grades PreK-8

	<u>RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES</u>		
<u>Grade</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Ideal</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
PreK	12	15	17
Kindergarten	15	16	18
1 st	15	18	20
2 nd	15	18	20
3 rd	15	18	20
4 th	15	20	22
5 th	15	20	22
6 th	15	20	22
7 th	15	23	25

8th	15	23	25
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II. Grades 9-12:

1. The recommended guidelines for class size for most courses is 15 to 20 students.
2. The recommended guidelines for minimum class size for most courses is 10 and the maximum is 25.
3. When requested by the administration, classes above or below the recommended guidelines may be approved by the superintendent and reported to the board.