

CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION

Class Size

Education may take place in a variety of ways and no single arrangement of students and personnel is necessarily best in every instance. It is expected that the administration and staff will examine all methods of staffing and staff utilization and select those that best meet the needs of the students. Within this framework, staff should be employed in adequate numbers to maintain reasonable teacher/student ratios.

The district shall make every effort to work towards a reasonable teacher/student ratio.

When the size of any primary or intermediate class exceeds the agreed upon ratio, a building study will be conducted by an ad hoc committee composed of the principal and one (1) or more members of the building staff involved. The ad hoc committee shall make recommendations to the superintendent which will include: transferring students to another class, hiring additional staff, hiring paraprofessionals, or other appropriate program modifications including no modifications. The recommendation of the ad hoc committee will be submitted to the superintendent within ten (10) working days from the initiation of the study. The superintendent shall promptly consider the recommendations of the ad hoc committee and promptly implement any recommendations which he considers appropriate and feasible. The superintendent will notify the ad hoc committee of his decision and implementation plans, if any, within five (5) working days.

Exception will be made where required by law and/or state regulation governing special programs. When considering class sizes for handicapped students, the superintendent or his/her designee will consider the following:

1. the ad hoc committee recommendation;
2. the level of state funding for the handicapped condition; and
3. the space, transportation, and reassignment.

Other situations may be exempt when the individual teacher(s) agrees that the situation promotes the best interests of the students. Levy failure will result in a moratorium on this class size policy.

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