

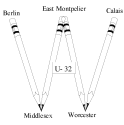
This document provides an overview of the class size agreements and procedures, which are based on the WCUUSD Class Size [D6 Policy](#). It includes general procedures to consider across grades as well as elementary and middle/high school specific procedures. All WCUUSD schools will strive to implement the following procedures annually to establish class placements and program decisions.

### General Guidelines:

- **Multi-Grade Classrooms**  
Multi-grade classes are covered by these policies in the same manner as single grade classrooms.
- **Special Education**  
Federal law requires that each special education student receive a free and appropriate public education (FAPE). For this reason, *self-contained* special education classes should be excluded from the average minimum and optimal class size calculations. Each school shall employ sufficient and qualified special education staff as are needed to identify students eligible for special education services and to implement each eligible student's Individual Education Plan and Section 504 Plan.
- **Physical Education**  
Physical education class sizes must be designed with the unique pedagogical, equipment-related and space-related needs of that discipline in mind. This approach is indispensable to the effective delivery of the learning standards of this content area, and to the effective assessment of the degree of success of their delivery. Adaptive physical education services are excluded from the average minimum and optimal class size calculations.
- **Art**  
Art requires somewhat greater than normal per student space, and also has to accommodate adequate equipment ventilation.

### Elementary School-Specific Procedures:

- **State Board of Education Rule 2121.2.2**  
At the elementary level, 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.
- **Pre-K**  
Each Pre-K classroom has specific licensing requirements regarding square footage and staff/student ratio. Schools should refer to the latest licensing requirements when determining class size for Pre-K.
- **Math Instruction**  
Elementary math instruction is designed to be taught in a single grade.
- **Phonics Instruction**  
Elementary phonics instruction is designed to be taught in a single grade.



**Middle and High-School-Specific Procedures**

- **State Board of Education Rule 2121.2.2**

In grades four through twelve, when taken together, classes shall average fewer than twenty-five 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 teaching of greater numbers of students while meeting the educational goals of the program.

School district boards, in coordination with their superintendent, must establish optimum class size policies as consistent with statutory guidance from the Agency. Class size must comply with state and federal safety requirements.

- **Technical Education Class Size Differentials**

Career and Technical Education (CTE) class size is primarily driven by factors related to course expectations, safety considerations, and space constraints. These factors, which drive maximum class size, may also impact minimum class size decisions, and must be evaluated in the context of guidelines specific to the course and equipment under consideration.

- **Course-Specific Considerations**

Laboratory space requires adequate room for both group and individual work, and must support the prescribed program of studies;

1. Science laboratories require learning stations outfitted with gas, water and electricity, and must afford students significant space for movement, and for proper safety precautions, during laboratory investigations.

**WCUUSD Model Class Size Chart**

Grade Cluster	Instructional Area	Minimum	Average	Maximum
Pre-K	All	Class size is dependent on state licensing regulations and classroom square footage. Class size must not exceed 20 students per session.		
K-3	All	13	16	20
4-6	All	15	18	25
7-12	All	17	18	25

Administration will develop a review process for classes that fall below or exceed the minimum and maximum model class size. Consideration will be given to providing classes that fall below the minimum when students do not have other alternatives to receive instruction in that subject area or grade level.