



**EVANSTON/SKOKIE**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 65

Every Child, Every Day, Whatever it Takes

**TO: Evanston/Skokie School Board**  
**CC: Dr. Angel Turner, Superintendent**  
**FROM: Dr. Stacy Beardsley, Asst. Superintendent of PMA**  
**DATE: January 27, 2025**  
**RE: Seats and Section Overview**

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**Objective:**      X   Information             Discussion             Follow-up             Decision

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**Background:**

Annually, District 65 engages in a section review process. During this process, the team uses the District, School, and Grade Level projections, demography and facilities information to assign or budget a specified number of sections per school and grade. The section allocations inform budgeting, school leader decision making to educator assignments and student school assignments.

One pattern that was noted in the section allocation this year is that Nichols and Haven have come in below projections over the past 2 years (projections to actuals) while Chute has exceeded projections. This data is shared annually in our Enrollments and Projections report in November. The data for these three schools is isolated and included below.

School	Actual Enrollment - Projections 2023-24	Actual Enrollment - Projections 2024-25
Chute	+42	+11
Haven	-31	-36
Nichols	-39	-22

These decreases in enrollment are outpacing our projection methodology yet are reflected in K-5 enrollment decreases within feeder patterns moving their way up in the system. This is also reflective of data from our demography studies generally District wide. As a result of this trend, adjustments were made to Chute’s sectioning to reflect these patterns for next year.

**Additional Monitoring**

During the 2024-25 school year, the Performance Management and Accountability Department monitored class sizes in an attempt to inform current student enrollment and to inform future decisions. This memo shares four snapshots of class sizes and information on the range of class sizes.

As we engage in the School Deficit Reduction Framework, there has been discussion about maximizing class sizes as well as about class size guidelines in the District Educators Contract. This memo shares snapshots of class sizes in relation to these guidelines.

Limiting the range of class sizes is specifically a challenge in kindergarten through fifth grade due to the large number of K-5 schools with relatively small enrollments (2-4 sections per grade). Additionally, District 65 provides magnet schools (King Arts) and magnet programs (ACC and TWI). The magnet schools and programs may have smaller class sizes due to shifts in demand over time.

These calculations exclude Park, Rice, RISE, STEP and instructional classes.

**August 23, 2025 Class Size Snapshot**

K-5th Grade	Number	Percent
Homeroom Classrooms	206	
Classrooms Above DEC Guidelines	2	0.97%
Classrooms @ DEC Guidelines	4	1.94%
Classrooms at and above DEC Guidelines	6	2.91%
Classrooms Below DEC Guidelines	200	97.09%
Classes @ less than 75% of DEC Guidelines		
K-2 (17 students or lower)	48	23.30%
3rd-5th Grade (18 students or lower)	36	17.48%
Classes @ less than 50% of DEC guidelines		
K-2 (11 students or lower)	4	1.94%
3rd - 5th Grade (12 students or lower)	7	3.40%

Notes: This includes K-5 homerooms while removing STEP/RISE and instructional classes to the maximum extent possible.

Smallest Class Size: 7 students (2 TWI sections)

Largest Class Size: 28 students (Monolingual)

Middle School Grades (6-8)	Number	Percent
Homeroom Classrooms or 1st period equivalent	93	
Classrooms Above DEC Guidelines	1	1.08%
Classrooms @ DEC Guidelines	6	6.45%
Classrooms at and above DEC Guidelines	7	7.53%

Classrooms Below DEC Guidelines	86	92.47%
Classes @ less than 75% of DEC Guidelines (21 or lower)	41	44.09%
Classes @ less than 50% of DEC guidelines (14 or lower)	7	7.53%

This is a sample of homeroom enrollment or first period enrollment if the school did not schedule homerooms.

Smallest Class Size: 6 students

Largest Class Size: 29 students

### September 25, 2024

K-5th Grade	Number	Percent
Homeroom Classrooms	206	
Classrooms Above DEC Guidelines	2	0.97%
Classrooms @ DEC Guidelines	7	3.40%
Classrooms at and above DEC Guidelines	9	4.37%
Classrooms Below DEC Guidelines	197	95.63%
Classes @ less than 75% of DEC Guidelines		
K-2 (17 students or lower)	50	24.27%
3rd-5th Grade (18 students or lower)	45	21.84%
Classes @ less than 50% of DEC guidelines		
K-2 (11 students or lower)	3	1.46%
3rd - 5th Grade (12 students or lower)	8	3.88%

Notes: This includes K-5 homerooms while removing STEP/RISE and instructional classes to the maximum extent possible.

Smallest Class Size: 7 students (2 TWI sections)

Largest Class Size: 28 students (Monolingual)

Middle School Grades (6-8)	Number	Percent
Homeroom Classrooms or 1st period equivalent	102	
Classrooms Above DEC Guidelines	3	2.94%
Classrooms @ DEC Guidelines	4	3.92%
Classrooms at and above DEC Guidelines	7	6.86%

Classrooms Below DEC Guidelines	95	93.14%
Classes @ less than 75% of DEC Guidelines (21 or lower)	43	42.16%
Classes @ less than 50% of DEC guidelines (14 or lower)	8	7.84%

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Smallest Class Size: 6 students

Largest Class Size: 29 students

### October 15, 2024

#### Section Enrollment Data - Powerschool 10/14/24

K-5th Grade	Number	Percent
Homeroom Classrooms	206	
Classrooms Above DEC Guidelines	2	0.97%
Classrooms @ DEC Guidelines	7	3.40%
Classrooms at and above DEC Guidelines	9	4.37%
Classrooms Below DEC Guidelines	197	95.63%
Classes @ less than 75% of DEC Guidelines		
K-2 (17 students or lower)	52	25.24%
3rd-5th Grade (18 students or lower)	47	22.82%
Classes @ less than 50% of DEC guidelines		
K-2 (11 students or lower)	2	0.97%
3rd - 5th Grade (12 students or lower)	8	3.88%

Notes: This includes K-5 homerooms while removing STEP/RISE and instructional classes to the maximum extent possible.

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Smallest Class Size: 6 students  
Largest Class Size: 29 students

**January 23, 2025**

K-5th Grade	Number	Percent
Homeroom Classrooms or 1st period equivalent	206	
Classrooms Above DEC Guidelines	3	1.46%
Classrooms @ DEC Guidelines	6	2.91%
Classrooms at and above DEC Guidelines	9	4.37%
Classrooms Below DEC Guidelines	197	95.63%
Classes @ less than 75% of DEC Guidelines		
K-2 (17 students or lower)	53	25.73%
3rd-5th Grade (18 students or lower)	49	23.79%
Classes @ less than 50% of DEC guidelines		
K-2 (11 students or lower)	2	0.97%
3rd - 5th Grade (12 students or lower)	8	3.88%

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Smallest Class Size: 7 students (2 TWI sections)  
Largest Class Size: 27 students (Monolingual)

Middle School Grades (6-8)	Number	Percent
Homeroom Classrooms or 1st period equivalent	98	
Classrooms Above DEC Guidelines	4	4.08%
Classrooms @ DEC Guidelines	1	1.02%
Classrooms at and above DEC Guidelines	5	5.10%
Classrooms Below DEC Guidelines	93	94.90%

Classes @ less than 75% of DEC Guidelines (21 or lower)	47	47.96%
Classes @ less than 50% of DEC guidelines (14 or lower)	9	9.18%
<p>This is a sample of homeroom enrollment or first period enrollment if the school did not schedule homerooms.</p> <p>Smallest Class Size: 7 students Largest Class Size: 30 students</p>		

Financial Implications:

Decision/Input requested: