

CLASS SIZE

The Board recognizes that recommended class size is influenced by several factors. Therefore, class size recommendations shall be determined by variables, including but limited to: grade level, subject area, student needs, nature of the learning objectives, availability of classrooms, instructional methods and procedures used, infrastructure and classroom space, and budgetary constraints.

Keeping all of these variables in mind, the following average class size ranges shall serve as a general guide for the organization of classes.

Grade Level	Class Size Range
PreK	12-16 (max 16 per statute)
K-2	16-20
3-5	20-24
6-12	21-25

Exceptions to the general guide above may be allowed for the scheduling of large group instruction for special classes such as: fine arts, physical education, instrumental and/or choral music and other special instructional arrangements. Special Education teacher-student ratios will be in compliance with Special Education caseload rules and State standards.

When any K-8 school class falls outside the applicable class size range, the Principal shall consult with the Superintendent. The Superintendent will make decisions about how best to proceed and shall communicate any changes to the Board. In addition the Superintendent shall establish procedures to review pre-registration information prior to deciding staffing levels for the ensuing year. If any class size clearly exceeds (by 2 or more students) the maximum range, the Principal shall consult with the Superintendent who will make a determination as to whether the services of an additional teacher or teacher assistant should be recommended to the Scarborough School Board.

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