MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION 130 South Centre Street Merchantville, New Jersey 08109	File Code: 6151 Adopted: 03/20/1984 Revised: 01/28/2003 Revised: 10/27/2009 Reviewed: 07/15/2024

Class Size

The Merchantville Board of Education recognizes the need to maintain a teacher/pupil ratio that brings a balance to the educational needs and the economic needs of the community.

Each January and August the chief school administrator shall recommend for board approval the number of class sections for each grade level. He/she shall take into consideration such factors as student needs, curriculum requirements, types of instructional setting, district finances and space or equipment limitations.

The general guidelines that the board shall use are as follows:

Grade	Suggested Minimum	Suggested Maximum
Pre-K	per State guidlines	
K	12	22
1 – 3	13	25
4 – 5	14	28
6 – 8	15	30

The Board recognizes that other circumstances may exist that require the establishment of class size parameters more or less than these ranges. Particular attention shall be paid to space-per- pupil requirements of the state department of education

Legal References:

N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20	Powers of board (county vocational schools)
N.J.A.C. 6A:8-2.1	Authority for educational goals and standards
N.J.A.C. 6A:10A et seq.	*Improving Standards-Driven Instruction and Literacy and Increasing Efficiency in Abbott School Districts* See particularly Appendix A
N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.7	Program criteria: special class programs, secondary and vocational rehabilitation
N.J.A.C. 6A:23-8.3	Commissioner to ensure achievement of the Core Curriculum Content Standards
N.J.A.C. 6A:26-2.1 et seq.	Long-Range Facilities Plans
N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.2	School enrollment
N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3	School attendance

Possible Cross References:

3240	Tuition income
*5118	Nonresidents
*5120	Assessment of individual needs
*5145.4	Equal educational opportunity
6150	Instructional arrangements
*6171.4	Special education
*7110	Long-range facilities planning

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.

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