

GUIDELINES FOR CLASS SIZE

The school board recognizes the importance of maintaining appropriate class sizes to ensure educational effectiveness. Therefore the following guidelines are to be applied. It should be noted that there will be times when adjustment may be necessary due to extenuating circumstances.

Early Kindergarten	12 - 16
Kindergarten, Grade 1	18 – 22
Grade 2 – 3	20 - 24
Grade 4 – 5	21 – 25
Grade 6 – 12 (academic classes)	21 – 25
High School – advanced placement	Up to 15
High School science laboratory	16 – 20
<i>Special Education – Handicapped</i>	
Varies with handicap – established by state regulation	

NOTE: Paraprofessional staff who work directly with the instructional program shall be considered as .5 for the purposes of calculating pupil-teacher ratio.

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