

INSTRUCTION

Class Size

Recognizing that class size is an important factor in providing a quality education, the Board will strive to maintain class sizes which provide the best opportunities for all the children of the school districts to develop their fullest potential.

In establishing guidelines for class size and teacher loads, the professional staff, the administration, and the Board will consider the following factors: grade level, subject area, type of pupil being served, and facilities available.

The following table is established as a goal for the district:

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Class Size Targets</u>
Kindergarten	18 *
First	18
Second	20
Third	22
Fourth	20-24
Fifth	21-25 **
Sixth	21-25 **
Seventh	22-26 **
Eighth	22-26 **

The purpose of the maximum target range is to provide an upper limit in determining the teaching staffing needs of the District.

* Kindergarten shall always have a teaching assistant in the classroom during instructional time unless the class size goes below 15 students.

** Exempting high participation classes such as band and chorus.

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