

CLASS SIZE

Statement of Purpose

It is the purpose of this policy to establish guidelines for class sizes in order to permit appropriate student instruction.

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The School Board is aware that class size has a bearing upon effective instruction, and it, therefore, directs the Superintendent of Schools to work with building principals to establish reasonable and equitable goals for enrollment in each class at all grade levels.

In determining the size of various classes, the administration will consider the following factors:

1. The grade level of the class;
2. The experience and training of the teacher;
3. Any unique requirements of the class; i.e., lab setting or level of class; *or*
4. State minimum standards.

Generally, the goal for classes at the primary level (grades K) will be not more than eighteen (18) students; (grades 1-3) will not be more than twenty (20) students. In grades 4-8, the goal will be not more than twenty-five (25) students, and at the high school level, the goal will be not more than 25 students in most academic classes. Specialized classes such as those involving technology and classes for identified students should have fewer students than academic classes.

The District will adhere to all state laws and regulations pertaining to class size. In the event of scheduling conflicts, staffing shortages, space limitations, fiscal limitations, or other issues that prevent a classroom from adhering class size regulations, the Superintendent or designee will contact the New Hampshire Department of Education and seek alternative compliance allowances through the applicable State procedures.

Legal References:

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.17, Class Size

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