

**SERIES 300
INSTRUCTION**

Administrative Rule 343.2

CLASS SIZE GUIDELINES

Recommended class sizes, other than special education classes, shall be:

	<u>Maximum Size</u>	<u>Optimum Size</u>	<u>Minimum Size</u>
PK - 2nd Grade	23	18	14
3rd – 6th Grade	25	22	15
7th – 12th Grade	35	22	16
Recovery / Intervention	10	8	*

**Per discretion of the District Administrator*

A plan will be developed by the District Administrator or designee for how to best meet the needs of the students in any class that falls two (2) students above the maximum. This plan will be presented to the Board of Education.

Any class that falls three (3) or more students below the minimum size will require the approval of the District Administrator.

The following considerations will be used when making decisions:

1. Characteristics of students in the classes.
2. <http://www.nsta.org/about/positions/liability.aspx> (class size citation)
3. If paraprofessional time provided to the class would improve learning in the class.
4. Current and projected enrollment. (Class size might be low one year and projected to be higher the next year).
5. Physical space in classrooms. This is especially important when considering classes that are conducted as “lab classes” (e.g. science, foods, Tech Ed., Ag. etc.).
6. The Board recognizes that these are guidelines and special circumstances or financial considerations may require class sizes even greater than the maximum or less than the minimum. Specific classes may be approved that are less than the minimum or greater than the maximum.
7. Consideration will be given to those courses which are sequential in nature, such as Spanish I, II, III, and IV.
8. Characteristics of special classes and the needs of students in those classes will be considered. Examples of these courses include: band and choir, vocational courses, advanced mathematics or science courses, or small group music instruction.

9. Middle School (Grade 7 and 8) and High School (Grade 9-12) credit recovery / intervention classes – these classes are solely intended for the population of the student body who would not be eligible to graduate on time because of credit shortages.

Cross References: 343.2 Class Size

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