

CLASS SIZE TASK FORCE POLICY

The purpose of establishing a policy on class size is not simply to establish numbers of students per classroom, but to define conditions that promote and support acceptable learning environments, instructional approaches, teacher/student interactions and teacher/parent communications; and to insure that the classroom learning environment is structured to promote the continued implementation and advancement of resource based learning principles.

Class Size: Beecher Road School

Grades K - 3 17 Students with a Maximum of 19 per Class

Grades 4 - 6 19 Students with a Maximum of 21 per Class

Acceptable class sizes are subject to several variables including the actual numbers of students registered at the start of the school year per grade, safety, fiscal resources to address unanticipated discrepancies in actual student numbers, availability of instructional areas for teachers, and the needs of the children.

The principal is charged with the responsibility for monitoring class sizes and reporting to the Superintendent at the start of each school year, and at any time, when class size is in danger of being compromised. If student enrollment increases on or after the start of the school year, the Superintendent may exercise his judgment in exceeding class sizes noted above. Administrative exceptions will be exercised to safeguard the educational continuity of students.

When a class reaches the maximum, the Superintendent is required to report to the Board of Education and the Board of Education will review recommendations to address class sizes that exceed the approved figures and act accordingly.

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