

CLASS SIZE

The Board of Education will annually review the planned minimum class sizes for the ensuing year with the recommendation of the Superintendent, **or designee**, after appropriate consultation among the administrative staff.

The administration will base class size recommendations upon student learning needs and available resources. Factors to be considered will include but not be limited to the following:

- A. maturity level of students;
- B. similarity or variability of the learning needs of class groups;
- C. the nature of the learning tasks and activities;
- D. supportive services required and available;
- E. curricular changes or capstone-specific courses;**
- F. financial considerations;**
- ~~E.~~ **G.** the physical environment for the class, including size of space, available equipment, noise and traffic distractions, and so on.

Special concern shall be shown for class size in the youngest **grades** ~~age groups~~. With older students there may be more variation in **class** size of groups **based** upon the appropriateness of the grouping arrangement ~~for~~ the learning expectations.

Parents of children in attendance at a school where enrollment at any grade level exceeds the maximum class size recommendations established by ~~GEA~~ **the** collective bargaining agreement will be allowed to request a transfer to a school where class size is at least five (5) students below the class size recommendations set by the ~~GEA~~ collective bargaining agreement. Parents of students who are transferred at the parents' request will provide transportation as needed.

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