

P1229 CLASS SIZE, NUMERICAL STANDARDS - ELEMENTARY

BOARD POLICY:

Standards for determining the size of classes in elementary schools are desirable if efficient administrative procedures are to be maintained. The principal is responsible for keeping class size at a level that facilitates instruction and utilizes staff allocation in an equitable manner.

Administrative Implemental Procedures:

1. Numerical standards for determining class size in elementary schools are as follows:

Grade Level	# of Pupils		Grade Level	# of Pupils	
	Minimum	Maximum		Minimum	Maximum
Kindergarten	15	30			
First Grade	16	31			
Second Grade	16	31	Combination 1-2	13	25
Third Grade	16	31	Combination 2-3	13	25
Fourth Grade	17	33	Combination 3-4	13	25
Fifth Grade	17	33	Combination 4-5	14	27

2. Numbers listed as minimum and maximum shall serve as guidelines and not as absolute standards in allocating teaching positions and in organizing classes for instruction.
3. The minimal number of pupils from one grade level in a combination class should be eight where possible.
4. Classes organized at the beginning of the school year will remain unless pronounced changes occur as a result of pupil mobility.

Administrative Responsibility: Learning Services

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