

INSTRUCTION

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Class Size Policy

The Board of Education has committed itself to maintaining academic class sizes as they appear in its agreement with the Manchester Education Association. The Board of Education has agreed to this commitment because of its belief in quality education for all children.

Assuming that the community will continue to support the Board of Education budget as it has in the past years so that funds for sufficient staff are available, the Board supports the agreed to guidelines for class size maximums.

For financial, family and educational reasons, academic class size maximum should not be absolute and the Board of Education should maintain some flexibility. Therefore, the following ranges are suggested to be in place each school year:

*Grades K-6 20 to 25

*Grades 7-8 20 to 28

*Grades 9-12 20 to 30

Principals shall not deviate from these guidelines without written authorization from the Superintendent. Each year, the Superintendent will report to the Board of Education at its first meeting in November on the district's class size and pupil/teacher ratio conditions based on the October 1 enrollment.

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