

CLASS SIZE/INSTRUCTIONAL GROUPS

Board policy is to have heterogeneous classes, where appropriate.

In order to effectively achieve individualized programming and learning, it is anticipated that grouping arrangements must be kept flexible. Thus, class groups will generally not be established on a permanent basis.

Age or grade differences should not constitute a barrier to groups. Rather, the basic criteria for class assignment should be the learning (goals and objectives) being addressed and the students' ability to achieve those purposes. Students should be grouped so that each benefits to a greater extent than would otherwise be possible, with provision for altering the grouping as often as necessary to fit the specific purpose involved.

The Superintendent is directed to develop the appropriate regulations to implement this policy.

The Board directs the Superintendent to work with Principals in attempting to establish a reasonable and equitable class enrollment for each teacher.

The Board understands that achieving this goal is dependent upon the financial ability of the district. In determining the size of various classes, the administration will consider the following factors: 1) The type of load which will help the teacher be most effective with the children in the class. 2) Required preparation and correction time for the particular class. 3) The square footage of the classroom.

The School Board will attempt to keep class sizes within the following guidelines:

K-readiness through grade 2, from 16 to 22 students per class.

Grades 3-6, from 19 to 24 students per class.

Grades 7 through 12, from 20 to 28 students per class.

Regular instruction not to exceed 28 students per class

Laboratory instruction not to exceed 22 students per class

Minimum regular class size 12 to 15

Minimum laboratory size 8-12

Special education classes are to be in accord with State Department of Education Regulations and Guidelines.

Efforts will be made to conform to state guidelines.

Legal Reference:

NH Code of Administrative Rules Section Ed. 306.17, Class Size

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