Minimum Class Size Policy

Class size is defined as the number of students under the supervision of a regular teacher, at any one time, for the purpose of instruction and learning.

The Board of Education supports appropriate and reasonable class sizes, consistent with the student's maturity and the nature of the subject, material, and grade level. The Superintendent of Schools shall work with the school staff in establishing reasonable and equitable class sizes and shall recommend appropriate staffing levels to the Board.

No regular education class shall be scheduled with fewer than eighteen (18) students and no special education class shall be scheduled with fewer than fourteen (14 students).

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Minimum Class Size Regulations

Class size is defined as the number of students under the supervision and control of a regular teacher, at any one time, for the purpose of instruction and learning.

No regular education class shall be scheduled with fewer than eighteen (18) students and no special education class shall be scheduled with fewer than fourteen (14 students).

The criteria used to test the need for a smaller class may include:

1. The class is an advanced class within a subject area, i.e., Calculus.

2. The class is required for graduation, i.e., Senior English.

3. The class is a singleton within a program of studies, i.e., French IV.

4. The class is a prerequisite in a sequence.

5. The size is required for the task at hand, i.e., band, physical education, resource rooms, ability levels of students.

6. The class is designed to provide remediation in a subject area.

The Superintendent and/or his designee shall review courses in which there are fewer than eighteen (18) students (regular education) and fourteen (14) students (special education) who have registered for a particular course. A determination at that point will be made whether said course should be scheduled.

The Superintendent and/or his designee will review actual class sizes by October 1 each year.

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