

HISTORICAL CLASS SIZE DATA

What are current class sizes for each grade K-12?

At the elementary level, class size ranges from 19 to 23 with the building average is 21.6. At the intermediate level, class sizes range from 21 to 25 students with the average being 23.1 students.

Each building also has interventionist and dean positions as targeted student supports which could be shifted to direct support teaching positions if needed to reduce class sizes. Factoring in the general interventionists (1 at WLES and 2 at WLIS) and dean (1 at WLES and 1 at WLIS), could be utilized as classroom teachers if the school determined an interest in focusing on smaller class sizes. Principals are also empowered to work with teachers to decide how many sections to offer at each grade level so that they can remain flexible in supporting a cohort of students which has higher numbers and/or higher needs.

We are providing averages and ranges for junior and senior high classes for English and math since these courses are required. Options exist for the type of course students take in some circumstances, and in this case, we have provided a range. Other types of courses will vary widely. Band or orchestra courses could have 75 students, but an advanced specialized course might have only 1-3 students and would be scheduled with other courses in the same period if the teacher is willing to support this. The junior and senior high school also offers some team-taught courses where the general content teacher and a special education teacher work and plan together to offer support to students; this reduces the teacher: student ratio in those courses.

English/Language Arts: Smaller classes are typically for students with higher needs or may indicate a course that is particular in nature and, therefore, not widely selected (for instance a poetry course). English has added a teacher for next year to reduce the number of extra 6th hour sections needed.

- Language Arts 7: average 25
- Language Arts 8: average 20
- English 9 : average 21
- English 10: average 30
- English 11 Options: average varies from 17 to 30 depending on the requests
- English 12 Options: average varies from 11 to 30 depending on the requests

Math: Smaller classes are typically for students with higher needs when there is a range in math class sizes. Options for rigor and intensity exist with the type of math course chosen in many circumstances.

- Math 7 Options: average varies from 20 to 25 depending on requests
- Math 8 Options: average varies from 17 to 25 depending on requests
- Algebra: average varies from 16 to 27 depending on requests
- Algebra II: average varies from 14 to 26 depending on requests
- Geometry: average varies from 14 to 26 depending on requests
- Statistics Options: average 20-21 depending on request
- AP Calculus AB: average 20
- AP Calculus BC: average varies from 19 to 22 depending on requests