

CLASS SIZE - CLASS GROUPING

The scope and size of the staff will be adequate to provide the best possible education according to class size. The size of each class will depend upon the type of instruction needed to assist each student to develop academic and occupational capacities to the utmost. Effective staff utilization will also be considered in organizing and scheduling classroom instruction.

The recommended class size for each level of instruction should be:

1. Primary grades (K-3) should strive to maintain the state goal of 17 regular program students to every one teacher for basic skill instruction.
2. All other grades (4-12) should not exceed 30 students per class with class range from 25-30 for conventional academic classes.
3. In Junior and Senior High School the average total number of students per teacher per day should not exceed 30 per class. (Exception may occur in classes such as physical education, typing, etc.)
4. Enrollment for special education class with integration should not exceed 15 students in secondary and 12 in elementary as specified in the Department of Education's Rules of Special Education.
5. We should consider working toward an enrollment for low ability classes in the range of 25-28 students per class.
6. Practical Arts and Laboratory Classes should be kept to a size that is adequately and well served by building facilities, preferably not over 28.
7. In cases where a heavy concentration of pupils occurs in a particular location, an occasional class size may be above the suggested recommendation for a temporary time.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 280.3 (1995).

Cross Reference: 606.6 Insufficient Classroom Space

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