

CLASS SIZE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

In order to work toward and maintain the state goal of 17 regular program students to every one teacher for basic skills instruction in grades K-3, the district has adopted the following strategy:

- Available federal and state funds will be used to hire additional teachers to increase the number of sections of grades K-3, beginning with kindergarten and moving up as far as possible depending on enrollment and available funds.
- Class size considerations may take precedence over adherence to the neighborhood concept with regard to elementary attendance center placement. The district will make every effort to work with families in that regard.
- “Basic skills” means the core areas of instruction including communication skills such as reading, writing, language and mathematics. These skills are to be taught by a regular certified elementary teacher. Although every effort will be made to maintain lower class size for all primary content areas, the primary focus will be on basic skills instruction.
- Appropriate grade level combinations may be made to achieve the reduced class size goal for basic skills instruction.
- The number of sections of each grade may vary from year to year based on enrollment.

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

Cross Reference: 606.6 Insufficient Classroom Space

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