

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.
- “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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