

CLASS SIZE

The School Committee is aware that class size has a bearing upon effective teaching. It therefore directs the Superintendent to work with principals in attempting to establish a reasonable and equitable class enrollment for the personalizing of the educational program and to create educational settings where every child masters the learning results we have defined.

The School Committee understands that achieving this goal is dependent upon the financial ability of the District. In determining the size of various classes, the administration will consider the following factors:

1. The type of load which will help the teacher be most effective with the children in the class
2. The experience of the teacher and his/her familiarity with District programs and policies;
3. Required preparation and correction time for the particular class
4. Department of Education regulations dealing with class size;
5. The educational needs of children;
6. the type of grouping arrangement to be used;
7. the availability of support staff and other program services;
8. The teaching models that will be in effect.

Preferred Maximum Class Sizes Will Be:

Kindergarten	18 to 1
Grades 1-3	22 to 1
Grades 4-12	24 to 1

Exceptions to exceed these class sizes should meet the factors stated above, with the approval of the building principal and notification to the Superintendent of Schools

Preference for placement of students in classes at Sanford High School will be given to students that are non-repeaters of the course

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