

Current Reality

Class sizes at HSMS have climbed considerably in recent years.

2015/16

10 sections, or class periods, had over 32 students

0 sections were academic

They were band and PE sections

2016/17

18 sections had over 32 students

7 sections were academic

2017/18

30 sections had over 32 students

18 sections were academic

2018/19

27 sections had over 32 students

16 sections were academic

- From 2014/15 thru 2016/17 (3 years) we had 1 math section that was greater than 32 students
- From 2017/18 thru this year (2 years) we had 6 math sections that were greater than 32 students

The student population at HSMS has grown from 417 in 2015/16 to 457 this year and over that span of growth we have *lost* 1.6 FTE in teacher positions.

In addition, RVS will be sending their 7th and 8th graders over to HSMS next year and probably many of their 6th graders as well. We had 9 students enroll this year as 6th graders that had attended RVS K-5. Currently RVS has 12 5th graders, 10 6th graders, and 13 7th graders.

Possible Solutions

1. HSMS would like to add a teacher in order to ensure lower class sizes (Especially in Math) and also add at least one section of AVID elective.

We would like to keep our math numbers as low as possible and also add at least 1 section of AVID elective to support our AVID program at HSMS. Currently we have 1 section of AVID elective for 8th graders and we would like to offer at least a 7th grade AVID elective section as well.

2. Furthermore, we'd like to have the flexibility to allow teachers to work during their prep period in order to reduce class sizes. Adding a Math teacher won't reduce numbers in Science, ELA and History, but if that teacher could teach 6 sections daily instead of 5 it would allow us to reduce class sizes.

*An example:* We currently have 165 7th graders and if we add the 13 7th graders from RVS we will have 178 8th graders next year. 178 students spread over 5 sections of History would average 35.6 students/section. If we spread those same 178 students over 6 sections of History it would average 29.7 students/section.