## Class Size - Regulations

These guidelines are designed to ensure equitable teacher to student ratios throughout the District but must be flexible enough to accommodate budgetary constraints. At the elementary level an effort will be made to maintain the neighborhood school concept and accommodate parent transfer requests while striving to staff classrooms efficiently.

## Elementary Schools

1. The following class sizes with a variance of three students are educationally desirable:

| Grade | Goal | Range $( \pm 3)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| K -2 | 19 to 23 | 16 to 26 |
| $3-5$ | 20 to 26 | 17 to 29 |

2. In order to achieve the ratios suggested above, the following guidelines are recommended:
a. Summer registration for grades K-8 shall be handled at the District Service Center.
b. Students who have been granted an in-district transfer from their home attendance area shall remain permanently assigned to that school, unless there is a subsequent change of residence by the parent/guardian. When a family moves from an attendance area, an in-district transfer request must be completed. In-district transfer requests will be determined based upon the class size guidelines. Every effort will be made to accommodate the needs of the student(s) and family although the administration reserves the right to assign students to schools based upon equitable pupil/teacher ratios.
c. Attendance at a middle school will be determined by the student's physical residence. Parents/guardians of students entering middle schools must complete an in-district transfer request if they live outside the attendance area of the chosen school.
3. Should a class become capped (3 above recommended size) and a new student moves into the attendance area, that student will be offered to attend another building with adequate space with the District providing busing or paying mileage from the assigned attendance area to the transferred building until such time there is room for the student in the home attendance area.

## Secondary Schools

Generally, 15 students will be the minimum required to offer a course unless it is a single offering that students could not take in the future. When exceptions are desired, a written request will be forwarded to the Superintendent for final approval. These minimums do not apply to Distance Learning Classrooms. The maximum number of students enrolled shall be determined by several variables including grade level, subject area, nature of the students in the classroom, nature of the learning objectives, availability of classroom space, instructional methods and procedures used, skills and classroom space, and staff and budgetary constraints.
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