**IIB- CLASS SIZE**

***Category Recommended-*** *While these policies are not required by law, they are highly recommended for effective school board operations.*

The District will adhere to all state laws and regulations pertaining to class size. In the event of scheduling conflicts, staffing shortages, space limitations, fiscal limitations, or other issues that prevent a classroom from adhering class size regulations, the Superintendent of Winchester or designee will contact the New Hampshire Department of Education and seek alternative compliance allowances through the applicable State procedures.

For kindergarten through grade two (K-2), the District will strive to achieve a class size of no more than 20 students or fewer per teacher. For grades three through five (3-5), the District will strive to achieve a class size of no more than 25 students per teacher. In the middle school, the District will strive to achieve a class size of no more than 25 students per teacher.

***Legal References:***

***N.H. Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.17, Class Size***

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