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CLASS SIZE

The Board of Trustees recognizes that the number of students in a class may affect the extent to which teachers can identify and respond to individual student needs.

In accordance with negotiated employee agreements, the state law and upon the recommendations of the Superintendent or designee, the Board shall establish upper and lower class size limits appropriate for the grade level or subject taught and conducive to the effective use of teaching staff.

The Board desires when possible to participate in class size reduction to provide an average class size of no more than 20 students in courses that count toward completion of graduation requirements in English, mathematics, science or social studies. In accordance with law, priority shall be given to reducing class size in English courses in grade 9. If funding is available, the Superintendent or designee shall recommend other ninth grade courses from the subjects listed above from which reduced class sizes are likely to provide the greatest impact on student learning.

- (cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)
- (cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
- (cf. 0500 - Accountability)
- (cf. 6117 - Year-Round Schedules)
- (cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)
- (cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)
- (cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 17042 Rules for determining area of adequate school construction; exceptions
- 17042.7 Formula for calculation
- 33050 Nonwaivable provisions
- 35160 Authority of the board
- 41375 Legislative intent encouraging reduction in class size
- 41376 Minimum class size standards
- 41378 Apportionments and allowances, kindergarten classes
- 42280 Necessary small schools
- 46205 Computation for early-late programs
- 51225.3 Graduation requirements
- 52080-52090 Morgan-Hart Class Size Reduction Act of 1989
- 52120-52128 Class size reduction program

GOVERNMENT CODE

- 3543.2 Scope of representation

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 15103 Definitions

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15130-15133 Class size reduction program K-3

15140-15141 Class size reduction in two courses in grade 9

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Frequently Asked Questions, K-3 Class Size Reduction Program, revised July 2005

WEB SITES

CDE: [http:// www.cde.ca.gov](http://www.cde.ca.gov)

California Department of Education, class size reduction: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/cs/>

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Class Size Reduction in Grades K-3

When establishing the state program to reduce class size in the primary grades, the program shall be implemented at each school according to the following priorities: (Education Code 52124)

1. If only one grade level is reduced at a school, the grade level shall be grade 1.
2. If only two grade levels are reduced at a school, the grade levels shall be grades 1 and 2.
3. If three grades levels are reduced at a school, then those grade levels shall be kindergarten and grades 1 and 2 or grades 1 through 3. Priority shall be given to the reduction of class sizes in grades 1 and 2 before class sizes of kindergarten or grade 3 are reduced
4. If four grade levels are reduced at a school, then those grade levels shall be kindergarten through grade 3. First priority shall be given to the reduction of class sizes in grade 1 and 2; second priority shall be given to the reduction of class size kindergarten and grades 3.

In order to maximize the educational advantages of smaller classes, training shall be provided to teachers providing direct instructional services in classes participating in the district's class size reduction program. This training shall include, but not be limited to, methods for providing each of the following: (Education Code 52127)

1. Individualized instruction
2. Effective teaching, including classroom management, in smaller classes
3. Identifying and responding to student needs
4. Opportunities to build on the individual strengths of students

When establishing a the state program to reduce class size in one or two courses in grade 9, the Superintendent or designee shall certify that, at each participating school: (Education Code 52084)

1. English courses are included in the program
2. The second course, if any, is a course in mathematics, science or social studies which counts towards graduation requirements pursuant to Education Code 51225.3.

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3. The average class size in the school for these designated course(s) shall be no more than 20 students per certificated teacher, and there shall be no more than 22 students in any participating class.

Special education students enrolled in special day classes on a full-time basis and students enrolled in necessary small schools that receive funding pursuant to Education Code 42280 shall not be counted in calculating class sizes for purposes of this program.

4. The implementation of class size reduction has not adversely affected existing class size in other courses.

Class size reduction in grades 10, 11 and/or 12 shall be maintained at the same grade levels and in the same courses as in the 1997-98 school year.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

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