

**Instruction**

**Class Size**

The Governing Board recognizes that teachers today must meet the needs of students whose experiences and preparation for school are increasingly diverse, and that the number of students in a class impacts the extent to which teachers can identify and respond to individual student needs.

In accordance with negotiated employee agreements and state law, the Board shall establish upper and lower class size limits (related to interdistrict and intradistrict transfers) recommended by the Superintendent or designee as being appropriate for the class size for each grade level or subject taught and conducive to the effective use of teaching staff.

The Board believes that individual attention is crucial to students in the elementary grades, where they acquire the basic skills that serve as the foundation for all their subsequent learning. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that classes in primary grades are limited to comply with class size reduction requirements.

Class size limits will also be established by the Board each year.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that teachers in the class size reduction program receive training which will help them to maximize the educational advantages of class size reduction.

Legal References:

Education Code:

- 17042 Rules for determining area of adequate school construction; exceptions
- 17742.7 Formula for calculation
- 41375 legislative intent encouraging reduction in class size
- 41376 Minimum class size standards
- 41378 Apportionments and allowance, kindergarten classes
- 42280 Necessary small schools
- 46205 Computation for early-late programs
- 52120-52128 Class size reduction program
- 51225.3 Graduation requirements
- 52080-52090 Morgan-Hart Class Size Reduction Act of 1989

Government Code:

- 3543.2 Scope of representation

Code of Regulations, Title 5

- 15130-15133 Class size reduction program K-3