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The River Vale Board of Education recognizes the need to maintain a teacher/pupil ratio that brings a balance to the educational needs and the economic needs of the community. The Superintendent will strive to recommend to the Board of Education the number of class sections for each course or grade level.

The Board will make every effort to maintain an average class size in accordance with the ranges listed in R2312, Class Size.

The Board also recognizes that other circumstances may exist that requires the establishment of class size parameters more or less than these ranges. These may include but not be limited to:

- Boy/girl balance
- Physical size of classroom, space or equipment limitations
- Balance of ESL and/or special education needs
- Age and developmental levels of individual groups, pupil needs
- State mandates
- Curriculum requirements
- District finances
- Administrative recommendations

The Board intends to examine all of the considerations listed above recognizing also that the assignment of instructional aides remains an option to address unique situations and will also encourage the continuous refinement and utilization of instructional strategies and programs such as cross age, peer or volunteer tutoring, learning centers, cooperative learning, integrated language arts approach, a process approach to writing and manipulative based mathematics and science approaches.

A strong staff development program is essential to enhance the effectiveness of these activities, and the Board intends to support this effort given economic conditions or restraints.

Recognizing the significant economic impact results from class size decisions and actual formation of classes, the board directs the superintendent to establish flexible administrative procedures for placement notifications of parents to allow for late summer enrollment fluctuations.

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