

REGULATION GUIDE

R2312 CLASS SIZE

A. Size Range

1. The Superintendent will attempt to assign pupils to classes in accordance with the following chart of minimum, maximum, and optimal class sizes.

	Minimum	Optimal	Maximum
Kindergarten:	15	18	25
Grades 1:	18	21	25
Grades 2:	18	22	25
Grades 3:	18	22	25
Grades 4:	18	22	25
Grades 5:	18	22	25

Special Education: As dictated by N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.3

Entitlement Programs: As dictated by applicable state and federal guidelines.

2. Class size guidelines may be waived for:
 - a. Physical education classes,
 - b. Large group instructional units,
 - c. Laboratory, studio, and shop classes, and
 - d. Classes in honors and advanced programs.
3. These guidelines are intended to be flexible and should be applied in a manner that takes into account:
 - a. The subject matter taught in the class,

- b. The nature of instructional methods used in the class,
- c. The use of special facilities and equipment, if any, and
- d. Temporary fluctuations in the number of pupils enrolled in the school and in specific classes.

B. Corrective Measures

- 1. Where the number of pupils assigned to a nonexempt class is below the minimum number, the following actions may be taken:
 - a. Where feasible, consideration may be given to consolidating classes. A proposal to consolidate classes may precipitate the abolishment of positions and a consequent reduction in force and must be forwarded to the Superintendent,
- 2. Where the number of pupils assigned to a nonexempt class exceeds the maximum number, the following actions may be taken:
 - a. Consideration may be given to assigning an instructional aide to assist the teacher, if allowable under the accountability regulations established by the state.
 - b. Classes may be organized into team teaching components,
 - c. The Principal may consider reorganizing the overcrowded grade level or subject area into a greater number of classes. A proposal to increase the number of classes taught by teaching staff members may require the creation of new positions and must be forwarded to the Superintendent.

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