

AVON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: CLASS SIZE

ADOPTED: April 15, 1997

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126. CLASS SIZE	
1. Authority	Class size shall be determined by the Board of School Directors in consultation with the Superintendent.
2. Guidelines	<p>Class size guidelines have been promulgated by the Board to assist the administration in the assignment of students.</p> <p>It is the intent of the Board to exert their efforts to have no more than the following number of students per class/team:</p> <p>Kindergarten - 24 Grade 1 - 25 Grade 2 - 27 Grade 3 - 29 Grade 4 - 29 Grade 5 - 29</p> <p>Grades 6 – 8 Two person team (58) Three person team (87) Four person team (116)</p> <p>Grades 9 – 12 Class sizes determined by the administration in consideration of content, student instructional levels, work stations and other factors.</p> <p>The Superintendent will notify the Board in the event that the aforementioned class size guidelines are exceeded.</p> <p>The Board will take into consideration the skills and ages of the students, the nature and format of the subjects taught, budgetary constraints and the limitations of existing physical facilities and schedules before taking action.</p> <p>The Board will consider the following actions to alleviate overcrowding: classroom aides, the creation of additional classrooms, redistricting, and other</p>

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	<p>recommendations of the administration.</p> <p>Enrollment projection numbers will be used for determining personnel requirements for budgetary purposes. The fifth day enrollment at the beginning of each school term will be used to determine the need for hiring personnel.</p> <p>Professional personnel will be considered to alleviate class sizes which exceed the guidelines until September 15th after which aides will be considered for the remainder of the school term.</p> <p>Temporary instructional aides may be hired when the number of students in a particular class exceeds the maximum by one at the elementary level. Temporary instructional aides may be hired when the total number of students on a particular team exceeds the maximum by one at the middle school level.</p> <p>The number of hours per day for aides will not exceed four (4) hours. Teacher aide service will be discontinued if enrollment in the class/team decreases to the extent that the class size is within the guidelines for the grade level. Teacher aide positions hired within these guidelines are considered temporary positions and, therefore, accrue no employment seniority rights and will be terminated at the end of each school term.</p> <p>Teachers and/or aides will be employed as soon as the enrollment is confirmed by the Superintendent to have exceeded the guidelines.</p> <p>Large group instruction such as (music, art, physical education): special education, and subject areas with student station limitations are excluded from the class size guidelines.</p> <p>Course offerings at the Avon Grove High School will not be conducted unless fifteen (15) or more students have registered for the course. Course offerings having fifteen (15) or less students registered may be conducted provided that the course is recommended by the administration and approved by the Board for inclusion in the curriculum.</p>
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