



Policy: [Class Size - Code D6](#)

**Procedural Requirements:**

1. The superintendent or his or her designee shall, in consultation with building principals, develop district wide class minimum, maximum and optimum average class size guidelines that take into account the instructional needs of specific elementary grade intervals and required and elective courses at the secondary level.
2. Class size guidelines in the District may vary as necessary to reflect differences among school districts due to geography and other factors, such as school size and programmatic needs.
3. The guidelines shall also ensure compliance with state or federal requirements related to matters such as student-teacher ratios, special education, technical education and English Language Learners.
4. The superintendent shall report to the Board at least annually on the implementation of this policy, and shall include in his or her report information related to the use of the guidelines in determining actual class sizes and program offerings in the schools within the supervisory union.

**Procedure:**

In accordance with the Vermont Education Quality Standards (EQ) and after the 10th day of school, the Superintendent shall use the following guidelines to inform decisions on staffing and program offerings as needed:

Grades	Minimal	Optimal	Maximum	EQS
Pre K	10	14-16	18	
K - 3	10	14-18	22	When taken together, average fewer than 20 students
4 - 6	10	18-22	25	When taken together, average fewer than 25 students
7 - 8	10	18-25	30	
9 - 12	10	18-25	30	

9-12 Classes for high risk student needs or independent studies may have fewer students. After the first class, if students drop, classes may not be cancelled if below minimum.

6-12 Exceptions may be made where smaller or larger class sizes are appropriate for the subject matter.

The superintendent shall stay within the minimum and maximum guidelines to the extent possible.

The Superintendent will provide class sizes for the Board in the District Annual Report.