Class Size

The Board is aware that class size has bearing upon effective teaching. Therefore, when economically feasible, the following guidelines should be utilized for determining maximum class size:

Kindergarten, First Grade - 20 students per class
Second and Third Grade - 23 students per class
Grades Four through Six - 25 students per class
Grades Seven through Twelve - A school average of 25 students per class *(The nature of a departmentalized school is that some classes will be larger than others)*

When balancing classes, consideration should be given to the even distribution of children with exceptional needs *(e.g. those identified by the District as exceptional children, those with limited language skills, or those who have been identified by the District as having behavioral problems).*

The established formulas for staffing instructional, support, and administrative roles should be adhered to in aligning personnel needs with the growth or decline of enrollment.

CROSS REF.: Policy GCM/GCMA/GCMD -- Professional Staff Work Load/Planning Time/Extra Duty