

FAIRFIELD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Guidelines

Class Size and Teacher Aides

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- 5130.1 Class size guidelines are intended to assist the teaching and administrative staff in designing appropriate learning environments for students.
- 5130.2 When the number of students in a specific class exceeds the ideal number as suggested in these guidelines, the teacher, building principal and Superintendent shall meet to determine if there is a need to reassign students to lower a specific class load, hire an aid, or hire a teacher to create a new classroom.
- 5130.3 In certain circumstances, when the number of students in the class does not exceed the ideal number as suggested in these guidelines, the teacher may request a meeting to discuss the need for a paid aide. The inclusion of special needs students in the regular classroom would be an example of such a circumstance.
- 5130.4 Kindergarten - The ideal classroom enrollment is 18 students to one teacher. An aide will be considered when the enrollment reaches 25. At 30 students, an additional classroom will be considered.
- 5130.5 Primary (Grades 1 and 2) - The ideal classroom enrollment is 20 students to one teacher. An aide will be considered when the enrollment reaches 27. At 32 students, an additional classroom will be considered.
- 5130.6 Intermediate (Grades 3 and 4) - The ideal classroom enrollment is 22 students to one teacher. An aide will be considered when the enrollment reaches 29. At 34 students, an additional classroom will be considered.
- 5130.7 Middle School (Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8) - The ideal classroom enrollment is 25 students to one teacher. An aide will be considered only under special circumstances. At 34 students, an additional classroom will be considered.

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- 5130.8 High School (Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12) - The ideal classroom enrollment is 25 students to one teacher. An aide will be considered only under special circumstances. At 34 students an additional classroom will be considered.
- 5130.9 Due to the nature of certain classes (band, chorus, etc.), it may be advantageous to have more than 25 or 30 students in one section.
- 5130.10 Specialized courses such as Art, Industrial Arts, Photography, Home Economics, Building Trades, Mechanical Drawing, etc. may have average enrollments lower than the ideal classroom size. This is due to the nature of the subject matter, the techniques of instruction, and the capacities of the physical facilities.
- 5130.11 High school courses with enrollments of fewer than ten (10) students require administrative approval in order to be conducted. The Board shall be informed of any such limited enrollment classes.
- 5130.12 Teacher aide service will be discontinued if during the school year the enrollment drops below the suggested guidelines for considering an aide. Teacher aide positions will be terminated at the end of each school year.

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