

Class Size

The Board of Education will strive to maintain the class size that it deems appropriate for the effective instruction of pupils in accordance with financial realities. The Board of Education recognizes that greater direct teacher contact with pupils is a positive aspect toward the education growth of children. The Board of Education also recognizes that smaller class sizes require a larger faculty with larger related instructional costs and larger facility needs. The Board of Education will seek to strike a balance in class size with its ability to finance a higher level of instructional expenditures.

The Board establishes the following grade size limits for grades kindergarten through twelfth:

We will fill grades up to **12** students. The Superintendent may schedule more than 12 students in a class in grades 7-12 if necessary to provide the best educational opportunities for students. Students residing within the district boundaries and children of employees will continue to be accepted even if the grade size becomes greater than **12**. Siblings of current students will be accepted as new enrollees as long as needs can be met within our current program abilities (specifically in special education). If an out-of-district student leaves the school, he/she must fit within the class size policy in order to be re-enrolled.

The board of education will consider raising an individual grade size to **15** if it allows the additional siblings to attend Lone Star School.

Out of district student enrollment (not currently enrolled) prior to August 1 is tentative based on new in district students that may enroll prior to August 1. Final acceptance of out of district students will be determined on August 1 of each year.

Where circumstances dictate, supplementary assistance will be provided through additional staff requisition, paraprofessional assistance, specialist staff priority assignments, and volunteer programs in whatever proportion assures both efficient and effective classroom operation within the context of the system's staffing practices.

Class size will be defined as the number of pupils under the supervision and control of a regular teacher, at any one time, for the purpose of instruction and learning. Grade will be defined as the number of students at one academic level during one year, 1st grade, 2nd grade, etc.

Regular classes are those instructed by regular classroom teachers and do not include those instructed by special or itinerant teachers, or remedial or counseling specialists, which are frequently much smaller in enrollment. Classes

such as those for physical education, group music experience, art instruction, and other similar purposes may be considered regular classes but do not fall under common policy for class size. ***It is noted, however, that the board of education reserves the right and authority, on a case by case basis, to establish classes outside these limits.***

The Board shall periodically review the size of various classes and make a determination as to the appropriateness of such size and the above set limits.

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