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CLASS SIZE GUIDELINES

Administrators shall take the following guidelines into consideration when creating classes. However, if classes exceed the maximum or do not meet the minimum enrolment of these guidelines, written permission of the Superintendent, as described in section C of this policy, must be obtained.

A. Class Size Guidelines

Kindergarten to Grade 3 – 23 students

Grades 4 & 5 – 28 students

Grades 6 to 9 – 30 students

Grades 10 to 12 – 36 students

Senior Years Science Courses

Senior Years Science courses where labs are used planned for on a regular basis shall have a class size maximum of 32 students. This restriction applies to: Biology 40S, Chemistry 30S & 40S.

Technology Education Courses

Class size maximums of 22 students per class apply to the following Technology Education courses: Welding, Power Mechanics, Foods & Nutrition, Food Services, Autobody, Jewelry Arts, Electrical & Electronics, and Wood Working.

B. Minimum Class Size Guidelines

Principals are also required to adhere to the minimum of 15 students per class. When the section minimum cannot be adhered to because of course prerequisites and/or unique course offerings, special approval has to be obtained from the Superintendent for variance in the first week of each semester for high schools and in the first week of classes in the fall term for early years and middle years schools.

C. Class Size Variance

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For a Principal to schedule a class over the maximum or below the minimum enrolments Principals must obtain an exemption from the Superintendent using form IIB-E. The principal will consult the teacher before applying to the Superintendent to grant the exemption for a particular class to exceed the stated maximum.

NOTE: These guidelines are subject to annual review.

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