

CLASS SIZE

The School Committee affirms its recognition that the purpose of this policy is to manage and control class size in order to support quality teaching and learning. The Committee reinforces its long-term vision of supporting quality while also recognizing the financial constraints facing the Committee and the Town.

This class size policy and its attendant regulations and guidelines are intended to reflect advances in teaching and learning, the appropriateness of class grouping practices in light of instructional strategies, and district educational goals.

The School Committee directs the Superintendent to periodically keep it abreast of significant developments that may bear on its determination of class size policy. It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent to develop regulations and/or guidelines to support this policy, to provide periodic reports and recommendations to the Committee regarding implementation, and to periodically review the impact of this policy on instruction.

Effective beginning with the 2011-2012 academic year, the School Committee sets the following class size standards. The policy identifies targets to provide an annual goal but allows an acceptable range to give the administration and School Committee opportunity for flexibility.

Kindergarten	acceptable range 17 to 21, target 19
Grade 1	acceptable range 17 to 21, target 19
Grade 2	acceptable range 18 to 22, target 20
Grade 3	acceptable range 18 to 22, target 20
Grade 4	acceptable range 20 to 24, target 22
Grade 5	acceptable range 20 to 24, target 22

The School Committee shall review class sizes in the Middle and High School grades on an annual basis.

REF: Elementary Class Size Policy Review Committee Report to the School Committee May 16, 2005

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