

Santa Barbara School Districts

Administrative Regulation

AR 6151

Instruction

CLASS SIZE

Class Size Reduction in Grades K-3

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly prepare reports that will enable the Board to evaluate the impact of class size on the achievement of district educational goals.

Training shall be provided to teachers participating in the class size reduction program which shall include, but not be limited to, methods for providing each of the following: (Education Code 52127)

1. Individualized instruction
2. Effective teaching, including classroom management, in smaller classes
3. Identifying and responding to student needs
4. Opportunities to build on the individual strengths of students

When establishing a program to reduce class size in one or two courses in grade 9, the Superintendent or designee shall certify that, at each participating school: (Education Code 52084)

1. English courses are included in the program.
2. The second course, if any, is a course in mathematics, science or social studies which counts towards graduation requirements pursuant to Education Code 51225.3.
3. The average class size in the school for these designated courses shall be no more than 20 students per certificated teacher, and there shall be no more than 22 students in any participating class.

Special education students enrolled in special day classes on a full-time basis and students enrolled in necessary small schools that receive funding pursuant to Education Code 42280 shall not be counted in calculating class sizes for purposes of this program.

4. The implementation of class size reduction has not adversely affected existing class size in other courses.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide reports to the California Department of Education in accordance with the 5 CCR 15140-15141.

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