

Santa Barbara School Districts

Board Policy

BP 6151

Instruction

CLASS SIZE

The Governing Board recognizes that the number of students in a class may affect the extent to which teachers can identify and respond to individual student needs.

In accordance with negotiated employee agreements and state law, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent or designee, the Board shall establish upper and lower class size limits appropriate for the subject or grade level taught and conducive to the effective use of teaching staff.

In establishing class size reduction programs for designated grade levels and courses, the Superintendent or designee shall determine the potential impact of class size reduction on staffing and school facilities needs and shall recommend ways to address these needs without negatively affecting other grade levels and district programs.

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.

Class Size Reduction in Grades K-3

The Board believes that small class size is beneficial to students in the elementary grades as they acquire the basic skills that serve as the foundation for their subsequent learning. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that classes in primary elementary grades, K-3, are reduced to 20 or fewer students per teacher.

Full-time mainstreamed special education students shall be included in determining class size for purposes of the class size reduction program.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the teachers of these classes receive training that will help them to maximize the educational advantages of class size reduction.

Early-Late Programs in Grades K-8

As a means of providing more individualized instruction, the Board encourages the use of early-late programs funded pursuant to Education Code 46205.

Class Size Reduction in Grades 9

The Board desires to provide an average class size of no more than 20 students in English and math courses that count toward completion of graduation requirements.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

17042	Rules for determining area of adequate school construction; exceptions
17042.7	Formula for calculation
17200-17208	Class size reduction facilities funding
33050	Non-waivable provisions
35160	Authority of the board
41375	Legislative intent encouraging reduction in class size
41376	Minimum class size standards
41378	Apportionments and allowances, kindergarten classes
42280	Necessary small schools
46205	Computation for early-late programs
51225.3	Graduation requirements
52120-52128	Class Size Reduction Program
52080-52090	Morgan-Hart Class Size Reduction Act of 1989

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.2	Scope of representation
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CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15103	Definitions
15130-15133	Class size reduction program K-3
15140-15141	Class size reduction in two courses in grade 9

Management Resources:

CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES

1007.96	Class Size Reduction and the Relationship to Individuals with Disabilities
0921.90	Implementing Class Size Reduction under the Morgan-Hart Class Size Reduction Act of 1989: CIL: 90/91-01

WEB SITES

CDE: [http:// www.cde.ca.gov](http://www.cde.ca.gov)

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