

**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.

**Primary Class Size Reduction**

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. When the district participates in elementary class size reduction, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that classes in designated elementary grades are reduced to the student-teacher ratio required for CSR funding.

Fully included 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 which will help them to maximize the educational advantages of class size reduction.

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

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*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

17042 *Rules for determining area of adequate school construction; exceptions*

17042.7 *Formula for calculation*

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*

52080-52090 *Morgan-Hart Class Size Reduction Act*

52120-52128.5 *Class Size Reduction program*

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.2 *Scope of representation*

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:*

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

*Frequently Asked Questions, K-3 Class Size Reduction Program, revised July 2005*

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, class size reduction: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/cs/>