

## **MONONA GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Board Policy 343.2

### **CLASS SIZE**

The suggested range for the number of students in each class and the class size goals in grades kindergarten through twelve shall be determined by the Board with the advice of the Superintendent and input from administrators and other staff. Building principals shall use the suggested ranges and class size goals for planning and staffing purposes.

Class enrollment in classes which are clearly designated as experimental, may be allowed to fall somewhat below a suggested range for a period of one year, after which the results of the experiment shall be ascertained and a new decision made concerning any further experimentation.

In recommending an additional course or section, the Superintendent must have a definite expectation that enrollment in such a course or section will fall within the suggested range within a period of two successive years.

The Superintendent's recommendations for class size goals and suggested class size ranges shall consist of the best professional knowledge as to desirable class size, tempered by the willingness of district residents to provide such classes. In assessing the attitudes of the community, the Superintendent shall consider both local traditions and the current status of public opinion.

No standards shall be construed to apply to team teaching units, when the ratio of teachers to students is normal.

The number of actual student stations available shall be allowed to modify established ranges.

Departments which have difficulty maintaining ratios or meeting class size goals within their current course structure or grouping procedures or because of factors beyond their immediate control, may request special consideration for lower or higher ranges and/or class size goals on a temporary basis, but not until they have considered such possibilities as:

1. The combining of advanced electives
2. Re-grouping or reduction of grouping within the department
3. Review of advanced course requirements to permit larger groupings
4. Administrative review of small class enrollments to determine added enrollment potential

Where permission is granted for lower or higher ranges, departments must present plans for future compliance with established ranges.

The Board, at its discretion, reserves the right to operate classes with enrollments above or below the stated class size ranges.

CROSS REFERENCES: Board Rule 343.2, Guidelines for Class Sizes  
Employee Agreement

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