

CLASS SIZE

The District's annual budget determines class size optimums, which are established in accordance with the unit allocation formulas indicated in the "Handbook for Computing Unit Allocations to Schools." At the senior high school level Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' standards assist in determining the maximum teaching load that teachers may carry. It is essential, therefore, that school principals be aware of problems resulting from minimum class sizes. Generally, no class should be organized for fewer than 15 students.

Variations in class size would occur naturally within flexible organizational patterns, but total student-teacher load could still remain within the standards. In the traditional school organization, exceptions might occur in the second and subsequent years of a foreign language sequence, in advanced courses, or special reading classes. Situations like these should be discussed with and approved by the appropriate region director.

To the extent resources are available, each school should create classes of a reduced class size to provide instruction in reading, writing, and/or mathematics for those students having difficulty in meeting the District approved proficiency levels in reading, writing, and mathematics or requiring more intensive instruction in these skill areas.

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