

ARTICLE VII -- CLASS SIZE

The parties agree that class size optimums are established and that said optimums are set in accordance with the unit allocation formulas indicated in the "Handbook for Computing Unit Allocations to Schools", adopted yearly, such that the number of students shown in the allocation formulas shall be deemed the optimum class size per certified teacher for all applicable categories and positions.

The parties recognize that class size has an impact on the educational process. Where there is an indication by the administration or Union that individual class size problems exist, they will be brought to the attention of the Superintendent for review and action, as appropriate.

The Board agrees to monitor class size at each school site the Friday of the second week of school for students and each Friday thereafter up to October 1, at which time a pre-final CASAS shall be distributed and shared with the Union.

The parties further agree that these monitoring and adjustment procedures shall apply to all programs, including physical education, art, music, exceptional education, bilingual, and any other instructional programs. The Board and its administrative staff agree to respond expeditiously to the Union regarding specific instances of class size overloads when brought to the attention of designated M-DCPS administrative officials.