

CLASS SIZE GUIDELINES

Background

In order to maintain equitable programs throughout Division schools, and in recognition of the class size guidelines established by Alberta Education, the following guidelines shall be considered in establishing average class sizes in the Division.

Procedures

1. When principals are establishing classes the following average class size enrollments are to be used as a guideline wherever possible:

Grade	Enrollment
1, 2, 3	17
4, 5, 6	23
7, 8, 9	25
10, 11, 12	27

2. When principals are establishing class sizes they are to be flexible and consider class composition.
 - 2.1 Generally, classes may be smaller than the suggested guidelines when they have significant numbers of students with diverse needs, students whose first language is not English, and/or students that are vulnerable or at-risk.
 - 2.2 Principals may also consider class sizes smaller than the guidelines where:
 - 2.2.1 There are safety considerations such as in vocational classes,
 - 2.2.2 Where the teacher is in his/her first year of teaching, or
 - 2.2.3 In cases where grades are combined.

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Reference: Section 18, 52, 53, 55, 66, 67, 197, 222 Education Act
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