

CLASS SIZE MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING

The class size article establishes outside limits; within that framework, it shall be the District policy to maintain, insofar as possible, equal/low size classes per grade level, unless, in exceptional circumstances, the administration determines that a student's or teacher's special needs must preempt student placement based on class size.

In the event that all classes at a particular grade level are at 32 and enrollment is projected to grow to 33, a Class Size Committee shall be convened to review the matter. The Class Size Committee shall consist of affected teachers and District representatives. Decisions regarding class configuration could include the creation of a combination class or an additional class at the impacted grade level.

No such decision may violate the Class Size Article; disputes over contract interpretation will be referred back to the Association/District bargaining teams.

The exemption for traditional large group classes is intended to accommodate circumstances that normally arise in connection with such classes. Excessive overloading of these classes will not be representative of standard operating procedures.