

File: IIB - CLASS SIZE

The Westwood School Committee is committed to favorable class sizes at all grade levels as one important element of the learning experience for students. To the extent possible, the School Committee will maintain reasonable class sizes in all classrooms throughout the system. Recommended class sizes are listed below, with the understanding that these are guidelines rather than absolute limits requiring strict, literal adherence, and should serve as a guide for budgeting purposes and in response to the enrollment of new students into classes that are near or at the numbers listed below:

Grade Level	Class Size
K-3	18-22
4-5	18-24
6-12	Reasonable class sizes (18-24), ideally not higher than 28, with the exception of traditionally large group classes (e.g. band)

In the event that a class in grades K-3 reaches 23 students or a class in grades 4-5 reaches 25 students, or if a principal believes that a particular class is not functioning properly, the superintendent in consultation with the building principal may recommend one of the following actions:

1. Reallocate or increase literacy or math specialist support
2. Reallocate or increase literacy paraprofessional support
3. Assign an instructional assistant to the class for part or all of the day
4. Provide an additional teacher in a co-teaching model
5. Open an additional class section at that grade
6. Use other practical solutions as may be deemed appropriate

If, in the judgment of the superintendent, it is necessary to take action that would affect the budget, such as increasing professional staffing, a recommendation will be brought to the School Committee for approval.

Approved by School Committee on July 13, 2023