

RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RYE, NEW YORK

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CLASS SIZE

It is the responsibility of the Superintendent to develop class size guidelines, which will be approved by the Board. Educational needs will always be paramount in class size decision making.

Class size will be determined by taking into consideration the grade level, subject matter, staffing patterns, the purpose of instruction underlying the formation of a particular class, the dynamics of the class, and the overall District financial and economic conditions.

At the elementary school level, the goal of the District is to maintain class sizes between 18 and 22. At the secondary school level, the District shall make every attempt to maintain reasonable class sizes. It is understood that these guidelines are not fixed standards but desirable goals, the attainment of which will be affected by financial, staff, space, and scheduling constraints.

The Superintendent will ensure that enrollment projections for the coming school year are available by February for budgeting purposes. During the budget season, regular updates of enrollment projections based on actual student enrollment and early kindergarten enrollment will be reviewed by the administration.

By July 31st, updated enrollment records will be reviewed by the Principals, the Superintendent and the Board of Education to make final determinations on the number of class sections at the elementary level. The class size guidelines above will be used at that time to determine the number of elementary classes in each grade at each elementary school. At the same time, a review of class sizes at the secondary level will determine final staffing requirements. Teachers will be informed of their class placement by August 10th.

At the discretion of the Superintendent, additional support or class sections may be provided if enrollment increases after July 31st result in class sizes significantly above guidelines.

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