

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD	Policy Code: IIB
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CLASS SIZE

The Oyster River Cooperative School District will adhere to all state laws and regulations pertaining to class size. In the event of scheduling conflicts, staffing shortages, space limitations, fiscal limitations, or other issues that prevent a classroom from adhering class size regulations, the Superintendent or designee will contact the New Hampshire Department of Education and seek alternative compliance allowances through the applicable State procedures.

CLASS SIZE GUIDELINE

In an effort to provide the best possible education for all students in the Oyster River Cooperative School District it is the goal of the Oyster River Cooperative School Board to support the following guidelines related to class size.

Kindergarten	Not to exceed 18 students
Grades 1, 2 and 3	Not to exceed 20 students
Grades 4 and 5	Not to exceed 22 students
Grades 6, 7 and 8	Teams of not more than 90 students per 4 person team
Grades 9 through 12	In general not to exceed 22 students with the exception of those classes that may be above or below 22 students depending upon curriculum, activities, space limitations or for safety reasons. The Principal will be responsible for making these decisions.

Because resources (both space and staff) are limited it is understood that these are goals and not absolute limits and will not exceed state minimum standards guidelines.

Classes below 12 will be brought to the attention of the Superintendent for review and approval

Cross Reference: IIB-R Class Size Procedure

Legal References:

N.H. Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.17, Class Size