

## **2312 CLASS SIZE**

The Board of Education directs that the number of pupils assigned to any one class be governed by the principles of instructional quality and economy of operation.

The maximum enrollment for any kindergarten class shall be 25 pupils per teacher.

For grades 1-5, the desired range for class size is 18-25. It shall be the policy of the Westfield Board of Education that, whenever possible, class sizes in the primary grades (1-3) shall be at the lower end of the desired range. Elementary classes shall be formed by the Principal in cooperation with members of the school staff. Basic considerations for the formation of classes are:

1. The grade level;
2. The educational needs of each student in each class;
3. The total number of students in the grade;
4. The availability of classroom and other areas for instruction;
5. The number of staff available;
6. The number of mainstreamed special education students; and
7. Other relevant factors.

The Superintendent shall approve the elementary organization of instruction. Additional teaching staff may be recommended by the Superintendent in order to accomplish student achievement goals determined by a needs assessment review.

For grades 6-12, it is the goal of the Board of Education to maintain class sizes which do not exceed 30 students whenever possible.

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