

CLASS SIZE

The Board expects that class sizes generally will be consistent with those acceptable under the accrediting requirements of the State Board of Education and, where applicable, the Southern Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities.

The Board recognizes that new forms of school organizations and innovations will govern the number of students assigned to a group. The basic concern of the Board is that the size of the class be educationally sound and suited to the needs of the students. Other factors that may enter into determining class size are flexibility, available facilities, age of the students, grade level, and the subject to be taught.

1. Smaller classes shall be desirable at the primary grade level.
2. Larger classes are permissible for certain types of instruction, e.g., physical education, lectures, etc., where large group instruction is appropriate.
3. In all courses requiring specially designed facilities and equipment, enrollment shall be limited on a priority basis to those students needing such courses in order to meet graduation requirements. These courses include science and vocational education.

It is recognized that, on the secondary level, the total daily student load of the teacher is more important than the size of any one class.

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