

Minimum, Optimal and Maximum School District Average Class Size

It is the intent of the Board to comply with Sections 15 and 16 of Act 153 of 2010 requiring superintendents to work with school boards to develop policy guidelines for minimum, optimal and maximum average class sizes in regular and technical education classes. Class size guidelines will be used to inform annual decisions related to staffing and program offerings.

Implementation.

1. The superintendent or his or her designee shall, in consultation with building principals, develop district-wide minimum, optimum and maximum average class size guidelines that take into account the instructional needs of specific elementary grade intervals and required and elective courses at the secondary level.
2. Class size guidelines in the district may vary as necessary to reflect differences among school districts due to geography and other factors, such as school size and programmatic needs.
3. The guidelines shall also ensure compliance with state or federal requirements.
4. The superintendent shall report to the Board at least annually on the implementation of this policy, and shall include in his or her report information related to the use of the guidelines in determining actual class sizes and program offerings in the schools within the supervisory union.
5. The Vermont Department of Education's *Class Size Policy Guidelines* and the Vermont School Board's Association *Class Size Policy* shall be considered in developing class size guidelines.
6. This policy shall be posted on the supervisory union's website and forwarded to the Commissioner of Education by January 15, 2011.

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Castleton/Hubbardton School District

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