



## Information on Class Size Limits

In general, the class size limits are as follows:

- Grades K1-2: 22
- Grades 3-5: 25
- Grades 6-8: 28
- Grades 9-12: 31

### **Please note the following important exceptions**

**In inclusion classes**, there can be no more than 20 students with a single teacher at any grade level.

**In Bilingual, ESL, and SEI classes**, there can be no more than 20 students at any grade level, or 25 if a paraprofessional is provided.

**In schools designated Level 3 or Level 4** by DESE, the maximum in grade 6 is 26, and in grade 9 the limit is 30.

**SLIFE classes** are capped at 15 students.

**Self-contained Special Education classes** are capped at 8 students, or 12 with a para.

**In elementary schools where there is only one regular education class in a grade level**, the above maxima may be exceeded by one or two students. Similarly, in secondary schools where there is a singular regular education course offering (for instance, only a single section of French 4, or AP Physics, etc.), the maxima may be exceeded by one or two students.

*Some very specialized classes may have a smaller class size.*