



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, except that in K0-K2, there can be no more than 22 even with a para.

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.

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