

HPES Class Size Policy

CODE G14 (Mandatory)

It is the intent of the Hyde Park Elementary School 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 and optimal 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 supervisory union wide class minimum and optimal 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 Hyde Park Elementary School shall vary as necessary to reflect differences due to factors such as instructional needs of students, programmatic needs, and fiscal circumstances. For the purposes of this policy, class size will be defined as core teacher assigned to students, and does not include intervention teachers, special education teachers, enrichment instructors, specials teachers, etc. On-line courses are excluded and are subject to the discretion of the administrator.
3. The guidelines shall also ensure compliance with state or federal requirements related to matters such as student-teacher ratios, special education, technical education and English Language Learners.
4. The Principal 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. This policy shall be posted on the schools's website and forwarded to the Commissioner of Education by January 15, 2011.