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EXPLANATION: CLASS SIZE

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**This is a NEW policy for district consideration. Previously supplemental, it is not required by law, but it is a good model for districts to consider. MSBA initially developed this policy to assist districts in responding to current law regarding transfers from unaccredited districts. However, class sizes do impact student achievement, and many school boards set target class sizes for buildings and grade levels. MSBA encourages this practice and is therefore recommending this policy.**

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The Board of Education is aware that class size impacts student achievement, and the Board directs the superintendent to work with the administrative staff to assign a reasonable number of students to each class and building in the district.

The Board will adopt target class sizes for the various grade levels after considering the recommendations of the superintendent or designee. The superintendent or designee will annually review these target class sizes and recommend changes when necessary. The Board understands that achieving these targets is dependent upon the financial, physical and staffing resources available to the district and that the district might be required to exceed its target class sizes in some instances in order to educate its resident students. However, the Board will not admit a nonresident student if the admission would cause the district to exceed the target class sizes or student-to-teacher ratios unless required by law to do so.

The superintendent or designee may modify the target class size in situations where the classroom is substantially smaller than the average classroom or when other staffing or physical limitations exist. The superintendent or designee may also modify the target class size when necessary for specialized instruction or in situations where equipment is limited, such as music, art, drama, computer or specialized science courses.

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***Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.***

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Cross Refs: JECA, Admission of Students

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