

Rutland Windsor Supervisory Union Ludlow Elementary School District Mount Holly Elementary School District Plymouth School District Union #39 School District	CLASS SIZE	Policy: G14
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POLICY

It is the policy of the Rutland Windsor Supervisory Union, Ludlow Elementary School District, Mount Holly Elementary School District, Plymouth School District and Union #39 School District (hereinafter “District”) to comply with §15 and §16 of Act 153 of 2010 requiring Superintendent’s 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.

I. Implementation

The Superintendent or his/her designee will, in consultation with building principals, develop policies regarding minimum and maximum class size.

- A. Class size guidelines may vary as necessary to reflect differences among school districts, such as school size and programmatic needs.
- B. Ensure compliance with State or Federal requirements related to matters such as student-teacher ratios, special education, and English language learners.

The Superintendent will report to the board at least annually on the implementation of this policy, and shall include in that report information related to the use of the guidelines in determining actual class size and program offerings in the schools within the supervisory union.

This policy will be posted on the supervisory union’s website and forwarded to the Commissioner of Education by January 15, 2011.

II. Procedures

- A. The Superintendent, or designee, will consult with Principals annually to examine student and staffing patterns in each school.
- B. The Following considerations will be taken into account when developing class sizes for the following school year:
 1. Technical Education Class Size Differentials
 2. Grade-Specific Considerations
 3. Course-Specific Considerations
 4. Multi-Grade Classrooms
 5. Special Education
 6. English Language Learners
 7. Distance Learning Classes
 8. Existing Stat Board Rules Regarding Maximum Class Sizes (SBE Rules 2120.8.2)
- C. Given the Considerations, every effort will be made to adhere to the recommendations made by the State Education Department and illustrated in the following chart. It is understood that these are guidelines and may not apply in all cases due to above considerations and extenuating circumstances.

Model Class Size Chart

(Minimum, Optimal and Maximum)

Grade Cluster	Instructional Area	Minimum Average per Grade Cluster	Optimal Average Range per Grade Cluster	*Maximum Average per Grade Cluster
K-2	All	15	15-18	20
3-4	All	15	15-20	20
5-6	All	15	15-20	25
7-8	All (except PE)	15	15-22	25
7-8	PE	15	15-22	30
Grade Cluster	Instructional Area	Minimum Average per Course/Content Area	Optimal Average per Course/Content Area	*Maximum Average per Course/Content Area
9-12	PE	20	15-25	30
9-12	Music	18	15-22	30
9-12	General/Other	18	15-22	25
9-12	“Singleton” Courses	15	15-22	25

Note: General/Other and Singleton courses not to exceed 150 total students per teacher.
Remedial courses may be exempt from minimum averages.

Legal Reference(s): 16 V.S.A. §242(5). Act 153 of 2010, §§ 15 & 16 ; SBE Rule 2120.8.2

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Mount Holly School District		December 23, 2010	January 5, 2011	
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Union #39 School District		December 23, 2010	January 5, 2011	