

IIB - CLASS SIZE

The Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School District will adhere to all state laws and regulations pertaining to class size. In the event of scheduling conflicts, staffing shortages, space limitations, fiscal limitations, or other issues that prevent a classroom from adhering class size regulations, the Superintendent or designee will contact the New Hampshire Department of Education and seek alternative compliance allowances through the applicable State procedures.

For kindergarten through grade two (K-2), the District will strive to achieve a class size of no more than 20 students per teacher. For grades three through five (3-5), the District will strive to achieve a class size of no more than 25 students per teacher. In the middle and high schools, the District will strive to achieve a class size of no more than 25 students per teacher.

Class sizes that rise above acceptable levels put at risk both educational quality and the School District's ability to attract and retain the best possible teachers for Wilton Lyndeborough's young people. The School Board seeks to balance this interest with the cost of the education of our students.

If a class exceeds the recommended maximum size of 25, the Superintendent shall consult with the appropriate Principal and review the situation before deciding whether to take such steps as hiring additional personnel or using other resources.

There are many variables that can create or cause a class to have a low number of students. These variables can include but not be limited to AP Classes, Honor's Classes, Electives within UA's and Electives within Core Subjects. If a High School or Middle School class size falls below the minimum recommended class size of 5, the Superintendent shall consult with the Principal and decide whether to continue or eliminate the course. The Superintendent will notify the Board, as well as the Principal if class size falls below the minimum size.

Legal References:

N.H. Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.17, Class Size

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