

2312 CLASS SIZE

The Board of Education of Hanover Township is committed to providing excellence in educational opportunity for all its pupils. In an effort to support this commitment, the Board adopts the following class-size guidelines:

Desirable Range:	$\frac{K-3}{18-22}$	$\frac{4-8}{21-25^*}$
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\*Does not apply to Physical Education classes or other large groups classes such as health and music. Applies to all class offerings at Memorial Junior School except reading for pupils performing one year or more below grade level, sizes of which will be determined by the Principal, and accelerated and gifted classes, which shall have a minimum size of ten pupils, unless specifically authorized by the Board of Education.

1. Basic class sizes will be established prior to the beginning of the school year, and may or may not be changed due to the gain or loss of a few pupils. However, when circumstances warrant change in the judgment of the administration, recommendations for change will be considered by the Board. At each grade level within each school, every effort will be made to achieve class size balance, lacking any compelling reasons to do otherwise.
2. When the class size guideline is exceeded for any section, the Superintendent and appropriate building-level staff shall review the specific situation to determine whether any adjustments, including but not limited to a change to the number of sections, will be proposed. Such factors as the pupils' educational needs, any unique characteristics of the affected children, budgetary and facilities constraints, will be considered. In such instances, the Administration shall report the results of its review to the Board, and provide periodic reviews and reports to the Board whenever additional enrollment changes occur.
3. Where Kindergarten enrollment is twenty-three or above by the first day of school, the class will be supplemented by a part-time aide (19.5 hours per week). Should the class enrollment decrease to twenty or below by October 15, the Board shall retain the flexibility to eliminate the aide position for the remainder of the school year. The aide position will be retained for the remainder of the school year in the event class enrollment decreases to twenty or below after October 15.

4. Classes that include Special Education pupils shall be governed by State law and regulation.
5. Whenever classified self-contained class pupils are to be mainstreamed in accordance with the IEP provided by the Child Study Team, class sizes in such classes will include the count of such pupils for those classes only.
6. The Superintendent will inform the Board periodically of the number of sections for each grade level and building for the following year, recognizing that changes may be necessary prior to the opening of school in September.