

ARTICLE 7

CLASS SIZE

- 7.1 The allocation of full-time equivalent 7-12 school classroom teachers, for staffing purposes only, shall not exceed twenty-eight to one (28-1). This allocation shall be based on a six (6) period workday, and shall be calculated pursuant to administrative estimates of expected enrollments during the third school month of each semester.

The parties also agree that the special needs of pupils may require the reduction of the average class size for certain classes. Pupils in special education classes, alternative classes, opportunity classes, special day classes for work experience, physically handicapped classes, and study hall are excluded from the enrollment estimates for purposes of determining the aforementioned allocation. The District is not required to fund additional teachers above the twenty-eight to one (28-1) staffing ratio in order to comply with Sections 7.3 and 7.5.

- 7.2 Staffing adjustments needed to meet this ratio in Section 7.1 at any 7-12 school shall be made as necessary dependent upon student enrollment. When 7-12 staffing indicates a change of .2 FTE or more, staffing will be adjusted accordingly.
- 7.3 With the exception of physical education teachers, fine arts teachers, music, band, dance, chorus, drama, study hall and teachers teaching a sixth period; no teacher shall be required to have a total daily class size beyond one hundred and seventy-six (176). Total class contacts for physical education teachers shall not exceed two hundred seventy-five (275) in a five (5) period day. Special education students included in the general education program shall be counted within the student contact limits of this section. Teachers who teach physical education part-time shall have their pupil contacts pro rated. The District will provide training to site administrators to enhance their ability to balance classes over the student day.
- 7.4 The maximum class sizes in all 7-12 school special education classes shall not exceed state maximum limitations including waivers.
- 7.5 Bilingual, ELD, SDC, and physical education classes will be capped as follows:

Bilingual classes will be capped at thirty (30)

ELD classes will be capped at twenty-five (25)

SDC classes will be staffed at a District average of fifteen (15)

Physical education classes will be capped at sixty (60)

The District will achieve these enrollment caps not later than the tenth duty day after the start of each semester during the term of the collective bargaining agreement. Following the second week of each semester, a maximum of two (2) additional students above the caps may be placed in each bilingual or ELD class to accommodate students who enroll at a site after the end of the second week of each semester.

- 7.6 An attempt will be made by the principal to limit class sizes for all shop, industrial arts, and home economics classes to the number of stations in those classrooms and every effort will be made to maintain assigned stations in working order.
- 7.7 Enrollment in science classes shall be limited to the number of stations and every effort will be made to maintain assigned stations in working order.

Prior to the start of each school year covered by this contract, each site principal, the chair of each school's science department, and one (1) Association designated science teacher, shall walk through each science classroom at that school site to determine the number of students the laboratory facilities in each classroom can safely accommodate. Science classrooms surveyed will be those classrooms in which laboratory work occurs for any science class, including but not limited to physical, general and life science classes.

Enrollment in science classes at each site will not exceed the number of students each science classroom can accommodate, as determined by the site principal, the chair of the science department, and one (1) Association designated science teacher. These classes include those science classes which are not regularly assigned to a classroom with lab facilities but use a classroom with lab facilities periodically throughout the semester.

The Superintendent and the Association shall each appoint four (4) members (or other such number as they mutually agree on) to serve on a joint committee to determine standards to be used in assessing science room capacity for the purposes of this section.

If, throughout the course of each semester, changes in school enrollment occur at a site which require placement of additional students above the cap in science classes, no more than two (2) additional students may be placed in each science class at that site during the semester. Each of these two (2) additional students must be:

- A. A student new to a school site needing a science course for graduation that year;
- B. A student who was enrolled in the same or comparable course at his or her prior school district or at another school site within the District; or
- C. A student exiting a bilingual science program with a need to continue science.

- 7.8 State funds allocated for class size reduction shall be applied in accordance with state guidelines.