

**Policy IHB: CLASS SIZE**

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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.

**Class Size Limits for Transfers Due to Accreditation**

If the district becomes unaccredited or a school district in the same or an adjoining county becomes unaccredited and students are eligible to transfer into a district school by law, the district will allow such transfers as long as they do not result in a class size and assigned enrollment that exceeds the standards set by the Missouri School Improvement Program's Resource Standards.

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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.*

**Policy Reference Disclaimer:** These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

**State References**

§167.895, RSMo

FED COURT

**Description**

[State Statute](#)

[Turner v Clayton, 318 S.W.3d 660 \(2010\)](#)

**Cross References**

JCB

JCB-R1

JCB-R2

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**Description**

[TRANSFERS WITHIN THE DISTRICT](#)

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[ELIGIBILITY TO ENROLL](#)



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