

## **Instruction**

### **Class Size**

The Orange Board of Education believes that class size, viable curriculum, effective teaching techniques, and appropriate staff utilization all contribute to student learning. The Orange Board of Education recognizes the educational and institutional value as well as the economic value of small class size to the Town of Orange. Small class size promotes individual attention and enhances differentiated instruction necessary to meet the needs of all learners.

In determining the size of various classes, the administration will consider

1. The best interests of the students;
2. The required preparation time and instructional approaches for a particular class;
3. The class size and grade enrollment across the district schools.

The Board understands that achieving the goal of small classes is dependent upon the financial ability and availability of physical facilities of the school system.

The Board of Education directs the Superintendent to work collaboratively with the Principals in establishing reasonable and equitable class enrollment for each teacher. The Superintendent will provide monthly reports to the Board. The Board strives to provide an environment that limits obstacles and enhances opportunities for student success and quality professional performance.

Class size discussions for the upcoming academic year will begin during the budget planning cycle. The Superintendent is required to report monthly to the Board of Education and publicly during a May meeting regarding the upcoming year's planned class sizes. (See Appendix A)

The Board of Education will be required to vote on class size recommendations to ensure that it fosters a positive learning environment for all students.

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