

Williamson County Board of Education



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CLASS SIZE

1 The Tennessee General Assembly, believing that smaller classes increase students' chances of academic
2 success, included class size standards in the Education Improvement Act (EIA) of 1992 that will require
3 lower class sizes for all grades by school year 2001-02. These standards are presented in the following
4 chart:

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| Grade Level | Average | Maximum Class Size | |
| 7 | K-3 | 20 | 25 |
| 8 | 4-6 | 25 | 30 |
| 9 | 7-12 | 30 | 35 |
| 10 | Career & Technical Education | 20 | 25 |

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12 1. Every public local school system shall have as a policy that pupil-teacher ratios should not
13 exceed the averages prescribed in the above section. In no school building shall the average
14 size of any grade level unit prescribed herein exceed the stated average, though any individual
15 class within that unit may exceed the average, provided that no class shall exceed the prescribed
16 maximum size.

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18 2. Class size limits may be exceeded in such areas as instrumental and vocal music
19 classes provided that the effectiveness of the instructional program in these areas is
20 not impaired. The physical education class size shall not exceed 35, unless
21 requested by the local school system as a hardship case and approved by the
22 Commissioner of Education.

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24 *Note:* This regulation should not be interpreted to prohibit ungraded classes, team teaching,
25 individualized instruction, or other such programs designed to meet student needs, if the
26 teacher's weekly pupil load is compatible with the above regulation.

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28 Pupil-teacher ratios shall be the subject of continuing study on the part of the Superintendent of Schools and
29 such teachers and administrators as he may designate. It shall be the intent of the Board to have classes of
30 such a size that effective instruction may result, and efficient utilization of personnel be achieved.

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32 Shortage of funds, avoidance of split grades, etc., may cause the Superintendent of Schools to recommend
33 to the Board of Education that waivers be requested of the state for some classes.

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35 The class load report will be made available to the Board of Education by the first week of September
36 through the Superintendent of Schools. A report showing average class sizes by core subject areas for
37 each high school will be available at the October School Board Meeting.

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42 Legal References:
43 RRMS 0520-2\1-3-.04(1)(b)
44 TCA 49-1-104

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