CODE D6 - CLASS SIZE POLICY

It is the intent of the Board to comply with 16 V.S.A § 242(5) requiring Superintendents to work with school boards to develop policy guidelines for minimum and optimal average class sizes in regular and technical education classes. Class size guidelines will be used to inform annual decisions related to staffing and program offerings.

Implementation
1. The Superintendent or his or her designee shall, in consultation with building principals, develop supervisory union wide class minimum, maximum and optimum average class size guidelines that take into account the instructional needs of specific elementary grade intervals and required and elective courses at the secondary level.
2. Class size guidelines in the supervisory union may vary as necessary to reflect differences among school districts due to geography and other factors, such as school size and programmatic needs.
3. The guidelines shall also ensure compliance with state or federal requirements related to matters such as student-teacher ratios, special education, technical education and English Language Learners.
4. The Superintendent shall report to the Board at least annually on the implementation of this policy, and shall include in his or her report information related to the use of the guidelines in determining actual class sizes and program offerings in the schools within the supervisory union.
5. This policy shall be posted on the supervisory union's website and forwarded to the Secretary of Education.

Class sizes by Rule 2000:

K-3 fewer than 20 when banded together

4-8 fewer than 25 when banded together

Grade Cluster	Instructional Area	Minimum Average per Grade Cluster	Optimal Range Per Grade Cluster	Vermont State Board Rule 2000 Maximums
K-3	*All*	15	*15-20*	*20*
4-8	*All*	15	*15-25*	*25*

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