

VIGO COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

File: IHC

CLASS SIZE – SECONDARY

Class size has a bearing upon effective teaching as well as fiscal responsibility. It is, therefore, necessary that the Superintendent and those administrators responsible for the instructional program at the secondary level establish reasonable and equitable class enrollments based upon the uniqueness of programs and students. This would take into consideration sociological influences, the individual needs of the students and the available instructional space and stations. The Superintendent will work with the exclusive representative, through the discussion process, to ameliorate specific class size situations when they may be called to his attention.

The average pupil/teacher ratio in the junior high/middle schools should not exceed 22/1 and the senior high schools 24/1. Pupil/teacher ratio shall be figured on a full time equivalency basis on regular classroom teachers assigned to instruction.

Except in certain activity-type classes such as physical education and music, the average pupil load for teachers within a department shall not exceed 210 pupils daily. Teachers assigned study hall supervision and full period monitoring duties will be limited to no more than one such assignment per teacher on a daily basis.

Classes within departments shall be scheduled with no fewer than 15 pupils or more than 35 pupils. Exceptions will only be made when special circumstances exist and a request has been approved by the Office of the Superintendent.

Enrollments in science laboratory classes which have a defined number of student stations will be limited to no more than two students per station. High school laboratory science classes' maximum enrollment will not exceed 30 students and middle school will not exceed 35 students.

In Career & Technical Education, classes will be limited to a maximum enrollment of 24 students per laboratory with the exception of CAD, PLTW, Health Careers (year 1), and high school BMIT which will be limited to 28 students. Middle school BMIT, career classes, general computer classes, and middle/high school FACS, and art will be limited to 35 students.

Class size or caseload in special education shall be established as outlined in Article 7 - 511 IAC 7-32-13.

When specific class size problems in special education are noted, the appropriate administrative staff shall be instructed to work with the exclusive representative for the purpose of solving these problems.

Adoption Date: April 8, 1981; Revised: October 13, 1982; January 9, 1989, August 9, 2010
Legal Ref:
Cross Ref: