

SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
Salem, Connecticut

INSTRUCTION

GUIDELINES FOR CLASS SIZE

The Salem Board of Education is committed to maintaining appropriate sized instructional groupings to allow for maximum educational development for all students. The Board recognizes that there is no perfect class size number, but feels there are acceptable ranges for instructional at each level. At no time should these guidelines be interpreted as absolute numbers, such as “not to exceed” or “never less than”. They should be viewed as a concerted effort by the Board and administration to set reasonable size instructional groups.

The following ranges will serve as guidelines for the maximum number of students for each instructional group at each level:

Basic Instruction	
Group	Range
Kindergarten	15-21
Grades 1- 4	17-22
Grades 5-8	Average size: 18-25

Some classes may have further restraints based on the number of student stations, state guidelines for square footage per pupil, and supervisory/health and safety matters.

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