

Burlington School District
G 4R: CLASS SIZE POLICY

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The Burlington Board of School Commissioners directs the Superintendent to develop guidelines for minimum and optimal class sizes in all 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 district 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 district may vary by school as necessary to reflect among schools 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 district
5. This policy shall be posted on the district's website and forwarded to the Commissioner of Education.

Legal citations: Sections 15 & 16 of act 153 of 2010

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