

## STUDENT AND INSTRUCTION

5000

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLASS SIZE POLICY

5300.01

The goal of this class size policy is to equalize class size throughout the Melrose Public School District in order to provide the smallest class sizes in keeping with our belief that smaller class sizes provide improved learning outcomes.

In order to achieve this goal average class size will be defined as:

- The total number of students enrolling in a grade (1/2 day kindergarten will be treated as a separate grade in this calculation)

#### **Divided by**

- The total number of classrooms at that grade level throughout the district based on equitable use of facilities. (Single strand classes are unacceptable.) □
- Rounded up to the nearest whole number

This formula will provide district administrators with a number indicating an average class size. To allow for flexibility in assignment, a range of +/- 1 student is acceptable. To allow for site based management issues, the average class size will be determined at each school, with the understanding that there may be slight differences between the actual class sizes at a single school.

This average class size (+/- 1) will be the goal for all Elementary grades, Kindergarten through Fifth, with the exception of the necessary variation in Kindergarten class sizes due to the assignment of Kindergarten students according to the Assignment Policy 5301 to a school beginning in 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

The Superintendent will bring forward the elementary school facility usage plan in April of each school year.”

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