



**NORTH ALLEGHENY
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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| SECTION: | PROGRAMS |
| TITLE: | ELEMENTARY CLASS SIZE |
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Section 1. Purpose

Notwithstanding the provisions of Board Policy No. 126, the determination of the number of elementary class sections to be created in elementary building for the purposes of the beginning of each school year shall be made by the Administration approximately thirty (30) days prior to the commencement of the first day of classes for that school year, based on the elementary enrollment data available to the Administration as of the date that the determination is made.

Section 2. Definitions

For the purposes of this policy, kindergarten through second grade shall be considered "primary" elementary grade levels and third through fifth grade shall be considered "intermediate" elementary grade levels.

Section 3. Guidelines

- a. The Administration shall determine the number of elementary sections to be created in each elementary building for the purposes of the beginning of each school year in accordance with the following:
 - 1. For Kindergarten through Second Grade: The Administration shall determine the number of sections to be created for each grade level in a manner that ensures that no section exceeds 24 students at the time the determination is made.
 - 2. For Third Grade: The Administration shall determine the number of sections to be created in a manner that ensures that no section exceeds 27 students at the time the determination is made.
 - 3. For Fourth and Fifth Grade: The Administration shall determine the number of sections to be created in a manner that ensures that no section exceeds 29 students at the time the determination is made.
- b. For the purposes of this policy, the District shall operate under elementary class size guidelines that endeavor to place no more than 25 students in

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kindergarten through second grade ("primary") and no more than 30 students in third through fifth grade ("intermediate").

- c. Nothing in this policy is intended to establish elementary class size maximums or "hard caps" that cannot be exceeded after the date on which the Administration determines the number of elementary class sections to be created in accordance with Section 3.a above.
- d. Nothing in this policy is intended to preclude the Administration from placing additional elementary students in existing elementary sections after the date on which the Administration determines the number of elementary class sections to be created in accordance with Section 3.a above.

References:

Board Policy 126

Replaces Policy:

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