

Millburn Township Schools--Class Size Guidelines

K-5 GUIDELINES

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Grade Level Guidelines:	20	23	23	23	26	26

NOTE 1: Prior to the 2010-11 school year, aides were used to expand the range of possible class sizes in certain circumstances.

As of 9/1/11, aides will not be used for that purpose any longer unless extenuating circumstances dictate otherwise.

NOTE 2: Guidelines are "maximums" in that, if a section in any grade exceeds the "maximum" class size, then another section will be created unless unique, extenuating circumstances contraindicate such a move. Conversely, if the number of sections in a grade can be consolidated and class sizes can be maintained within these guidelines, then they will be consolidated (extenuating circumstances allowing).

NOTE 3: "Extenuating circumstances" include, but are not limited to, such things as time of year, available space, ELL/SE mix, etc.

How they may be applied in a given situation shall be determined by the Superintendent of Schools, after consulting with other district officials. Every situation will be treated as a unique, stand-alone event, without any encumbrance of past precedent.

NOTE 4: BOE approval of the # of sections in a given grade level at each school is required before the school year begins and

BOE approval is also required whenever the # of sections in a given grade level is changed after the start of a school year.

6-12 Guidelines

The guiding principle for grades 6-12 is to target class sizes in the mid twenties (23-27), give or take five (and depending on such factors as subject, level, etc.). In some cases, class size will be lower than this range, and in unusual cases, higher, but the goal in all cases will be to construct a building schedule and slate of course offerings that comply with these guidelines, on average.

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