

MAY, 2018 TENTATIVE AGREEMENT
ARTICLE 9 – CLASS SIZE

9.01 State Law

The District agrees to assign pupils to classes in compliance with the state law.

9.02 Regular Program Class Size

Class sizes shall not exceed the following except as provided for in Sections 9.03, 9.04, 9.05, 9.07, and 9.08.

	Class Maximum
Grades TK-3	25
Grades 3/4 combination	25
Grades 4-5	32
Grades 4/5 combination	30
Grades 6-8 at elem. sites	32
Grades 6-8	33
Grades 9-12	35

9.03 Middle School Site

No middle school site teacher shall have more than 180 student contacts per day if at a site on a seven-period day schedule, or 165 student contacts per day if at a site on a six-period day schedule, excluding teachers referred to in Section 9.05. In computing student contacts for middle school CORE teachers, the number of students in each class period shall be added to compute the total, even though the students may be the same for 2 or 3 consecutive periods. The middle school site class maximum may be 35 students for academic classes where only a single section is offered.

9.04 Jointly Taught Classes

When a class is jointly taught or supervised by more than one credentialed teacher, class size shall be determined by dividing the number of students by the number of credentialed teachers assigned to the class. This section shall not apply to classes co-taught with a Special Education teacher.

9.05 Music, Physical Education, ROTC

The following classes may exceed the above maximum number: Music, Physical Education, ROTC. Physical Education class size, at the middle school and high school, shall not exceed fifty-five (55) students. No high school physical education teacher shall have more than 250 student contacts per day. No middle school teacher who teaches only P.E. shall have more than 240 student contacts per day if at a site on a seven period day, or 200 if at a site on a six period day. P.E. teachers grades 6-12 who teach classes in addition to P.E. shall have student contacts calculated on a pro-rata basis.

9.06 Time Limit for Adjustment

In the event an elementary, middle school, or secondary class exceeds the maximum, the District shall have twenty (20) days at the beginning of the school year to adjust such class and five (5) days at the beginning of the second semester. Resolution shall not be achieved by creating another class out of compliance.

9.07 Special Classes

The maximum size for special classes shall be those limits prescribed by law.

9.08 Exceptions

9.08.01 Large group instruction or experimental classes are permitted where the teacher and the District mutually agree to exceed the maximums.

9.08.02 In the event it is desirable that other negotiated maximums be exceeded in a given school, the exclusive representative and the District shall mutually agree to make such exceptions.

9.09 Waivers For Teacher's Assistants

Teachers in grades 6-12 may request a waiver of the maximum daily student contacts and/or the maximum class size limits set forth above when the inclusion of a "work experience student" (also known as a "teacher's assistant") in one such class would cause either the maximum daily student contacts and/or the individual class size limits to be exceeded.

9.09.01 Waiver Approval Process

- a) The waiver must be approved by the site principal
- b) The waiver must be approved by an official AEA Site Representative
- c) A copy of all approved waivers will be provided to the Chief Human Resources Officer and the Association; if either party wishes to review the waiver they may call for a meeting with the site administrator and the requesting Unit Member.

- d) Prior to the 20th day of school, a work experience student/teacher's assistant may remain in a class even if his/her presence causes the class to exceed maximum class size limits, pending completion of the waiver process. After the 20th day of school, the full approval process must be completed before a work experience student/teacher's assistant may be placed in a class if his/her presence would cause the class to exceed maximum class size limits.