

## CLASS SIZE POLICY

It is the intent of RSU 19 to allocate staff in a manner that will be educationally sound, instructionally appropriate, and fiscally responsible. RSU 19 recognizes that there is a relationship between class size and pupil achievement and that this relationship varies across grade levels and among subjects. Class size guidelines may be impacted by several variables including the grade level or subject, needs of the students in the classroom both academically and behaviorally, physical classroom space, etc.

The following chart will serve as a guide for the organization of classes:

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Class Size</u>	<u>Notify School Board</u>
PK	16 students with support	
K – 1	15 – 18 students	at 19 students per class
2 – 4	18 – 20 students	at 21 students per class
5 – 8	20 – 25 students	at 26 students per class

The above ranges will be adhered to as a general rule.

If administration has concerns about a particular class or grade level, they will inform the Board of this concern.

Larger class sizes will be allowed for instrumental and/or choral music. Special Education teacher-student ratios are to be in compliance with Special Education Caseload Rules, Pre-K –K State Standards, and Maine State Standards.