

**BARRE SUPERVISORY UNION #61
POLICY**

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CLASS SIZE POLICY

Policy

It is the intent of the board to comply with Sections 15 and 16 of Act 153 of 2010 requiring superintendents to work with school boards to develop policy guidelines for minimum and optimal average class sizes in regular and technical education classes. Class size guidelines will be used to inform annual decisions related to staffing and program offerings.

Implementation

1. The superintendent or his or her designee shall, in consultation with the principal/director, develop district wide class minimum, maximum, and optimum average class size guidelines that take into account the instructional needs of required and elective courses at the secondary level.
2. Class size guidelines in the district may vary as necessary to reflect differences, such as school size and programmatic needs.
3. The guidelines shall also ensure compliance with state or federal requirements related to matters such as student-teacher ratios, special education, technical education, and English Language Learners.
4. The superintendent shall report to the board by April 1 each year on the implementation of this policy, and shall include in his or her report information related to the use of the guidelines in determining actual class sizes and program offerings in the schools within the district.

Guidelines

Administrators will use the following guidelines when reviewing course enrollments and making decisions about course offerings and scheduling, recognizing that such guidelines must be flexible and incorporate additional factors in making decisions about class sizes which, among others, include the unique needs of class or grade-level populations of students, curricular structure, physical plant, and staff training:

I. Grades PreK-8

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Ideal</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
PreK	12	15	17
Kindergarten	15	16	18
1 st	15	18	20
2 nd	15	18	20
3 rd	15	18	20
4 th	15	20	22
5 th	15	20	22
6 th	15	20	22
7 th	15	23	25
8 th	15	23	25

II. Grades 9-12:

1. The recommended class size for most courses is 15 to 20 students.
2. The recommended minimum class size for most courses is 10 and the maximum is 25.
3. When requested by the administration, classes above or below the recommended acceptable limits may be approved by the superintendent and reported to the board.
4. The Central Vermont Career Center program size will be consistent with the Vermont Department of Education – State Board of Education Manual of Rules and Practices, Vocational-Technical Education.
5. Program size for the Central Vermont Career Center shall be reviewed annually by the Center’s Director. Recommendations to change program offerings shall be made by the Director to the SHS Union #41 District and the Regional Advisory Board if a program, for three or more consecutive years, has shown low enrollment based on State of Vermont Technical Education Regulation.