

IIB-RB

REGULATION

CLASS SIZE

(Special Education)

Teacher-Student Ratios and Staff-Student Ratios

It is the intent of the District to maintain a special education teacher-student ratio that will allow the teacher to work effectively and efficiently toward the individualized education program (IEP) objectives of each student with a disability and to work with classroom teachers to prevent learning problems whenever possible.

Special Education Program Class Size - (Capacity)

Maximum Class Size:

- A. 1.0 FTE certificated special education teacher per class.
- B. Number of additional support staff, i.e. instructional assistants, will depend on the level of need per program to ensure students' IEP services, physical, and behavioral needs are being met.

This will be assessed at the District level with recommendations from the school level staff.

- C. Special education eligibility category and the level of support academically, socially, and behaviorally will be taken into consideration.

Number of programs and type of programs will be periodically reviewed by District and special education personnel to determine student special service needs to develop programs to meet those needs.

Open Enrollment Capacity:

- A. Eighty percent (80%) of the maximum number of students per special education program will be considered for open enrollment applications.

Program	Max. Class Size	Program Capacity (Open Enrollment)
Resource/Inclusion for DD, SLD, OHI, OI, A, ED, VI, HI Grades K - 3	15 students	12 students
Resource/Inclusion for DD, SLD, OHI, OI, A, ED, VI, HI Grades 4 - 6	20 students	16 students
Resource/Inclusion for SLD, OHI, OI, A, ED, VI, HI Grades 7 - 8	25 students	20 students
Resource/Inclusion for SLD, OHI, OI, A, ED, VI, HI Grades 9 - 12	25 students	20 students
Inclusion/Structured Teaching for A Grades K - 6	10 students	8 students

Self-Contained for A, ED, MIID, MOID, SID, OI, MD, OHI, MDSSI Grades K - 6	10 students	8 students
Self-Contained for A, ED, MIID, MOID, SID, OI, MD, OHI, MDSSI Grades 7 - 8	10 students	8 students
Self-Contained for A, ED, MIID, MOID, SID, OI, MD, OHI, MDSSI Grades 9 - 12	10 students	8 students
Speech/Language Only Grades K - 6	20 students	16 students
Speech/Language Only Grades 7- 12	20 students	16 students
Preschool		*no open enrollment

B. Maximum special education class size is based on 1.0 FTE certificated special education teacher, special education category, and special education services.

C. Once eighty percent (80%) of the maximum number of students per special education program is reached in a specific District-wide program, no open enrollment will be accepted for the school year.

D. Application for Open Enrollment will be open until May 1. Students who apply for open enrollment will be put on a waiting list and notified by August 1, in order to determine enrollment of Safford resident students.