

Cannon Falls Schools Classroom Size Guidelines

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1. Purpose:

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide guidance to the administration of Cannon Falls Schools for classroom size. Using and applying this information should result in the following:

- A consistent method and procedure in determining class size.
- A clear message to incoming families about our dedication to class sizes under 25 in grades PreK-2
- Maintaining the integrity of the Cannon Falls Schools.
- Cannon Falls Schools Board recommended.

2. Guidelines on classroom size:

It is difficult to set a classroom size (one size fits all) as a standard that would be appropriate for all situations. The administrative leadership team will consult the school board on unique situations that do not follow the guidelines.

Special Education Elementary Grades K–5 for Resource Services.

- a. Resource Services: mild/moderate—Caseload range 14–18
- b. Occupational/Physical Therapist—Caseload range 1–60
Less than 20 = .25 FTE 20-30 = .5 FTE 30-60 = 1 FTE
- c. Speech and Language Pathologist—Caseload range 1–60
Less than 20 = .25 FTE 20-30 = .5 FTE 30-60 = 1 FTE

If the school exceeds the caseload range in any category and requests additional special education staff, the Special Education Director will receive the request for additional staff and will work with the Superintendent and Building Administrator to determine needs.

Pre-School: General Classroom:

4-year old preschool: Not to exceed 17

3-year old preschool: Not to exceed 16

Elementary

Kindergarten - 18-21 if over 21, consider additional teacher and/or other instructional resources

1st & 2nd Grade - 20-23 if over 23, consider additional teacher and/or other instructional resources

3rd & 4th Grade - 24-28 If over 28 consider additional teacher and/or other instructional resources

5th Grade - 27-30 If over 30 consider additional teacher and/or other instructional resources

Middle School

6-8 Core 20-33 If class size average exceeds 33 consider adding additional sections of the affected class.

6-8 Specialist 20-33 If class size average exceeds 33 consider adding additional sections of the affected class.

6-8 PE 20-35

Sports and Activities: ***Some activities allow 6th-grade students to join, but will not be calculated in the overall numbers of participants.*

Sports teams will have at least 12 participants, grades 7-12 each season

Activities must have 10 participants, grades 7-12 each season

***If the student/coach ratio is above 20:1, a review will take place to determine adding another coach.*