

CLASS SIZE

The School Committee will strive to maintain class sizes and organizational structures that it deems appropriate for the effective instruction of pupils in accordance with financial realities. The Committee reserves the right and authority, on a case by case basis, to establish class sizes based on administrative recommendation and to assign teaching assistants and other support personnel in order to achieve effective instruction.

Class Size is the number of pupils under the supervision of a regular teacher, at any one time, for the purpose of instruction and learning.

Regular Classes are those instructed by regular classroom teachers and do not include those instructed by remedial or counseling specialists, which frequently have much smaller enrollments.

Special Subjects and Programming Alternatives such as lectures, physical education, industrial arts, science laboratories, music performing groups, and those for other similar purposes may be considered regular classes but may have larger or smaller enrollments based on physical facilities, pupil stations and type of program.

The School Committee recognizes that greater direct teacher contact with pupils is a positive aspect toward the educational growth of children. The Committee also recognizes that smaller class sizes require a larger faculty, and possibly expanded facilities, with larger related instructional costs that will require an increasing tax burden on the taxpayers of Nantucket.

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