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The M.S.A.D. #35 Board of Directors is committed to maintaining class sizes that are consistent with Department of Education regulations. Further, the Board believes that there is a relationship between class size and pupil achievement that varies across grade levels.

While recognizing constraints placed upon the system by transfer of students, staff levels, and the physical plant, the Board will remain committed to maintaining a fiscally responsible budget that follows the class size guidelines, while trying to preserve student choice and voice.

The district will comply with Maine DOE Rule Chapter 124, Basic Approval Standards: Public Preschool Programs which provides for:

- PreK ratios of 1:8, including a certified teacher, maximum class size of 16 children
- PreK Educational Technicians must be certified as Educational Technicians II and/or III

Grade Level	Class Size Range
PreK	16 (Maximum per Maine State Law)
K-1	14-18
2 - 5	18-22
6 - 8*	18-25
9 - 12*	15-25

\*Higher class sizes are allowed for instrumental and choral music, physical education, and other special class arrangements such as lectures and special short term presentations.

Special education classes are to be in compliance with Special Education teacher-student ratios established by State rules or regulations.

In the event that class sizes fall outside of the upper limit of the range by two or more students, the Principal shall consult with the Superintendent who will make a recommendation to the Board for its consideration. In the event that class sizes fall outside of the lower limit of the range by two or more students, the Principal and the Superintendent will use that data while building the following year’s budget and master schedule.

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