

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL
DISTRICT CLASS SIZE REPORT

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REPORT

SCHEDULING AND CLASS SIZE

- Scheduling is a year long process. Counselors are always modifying and suggesting creative ways to meet the needs of our students.
- The Block Schedule permits students to focus and diversify as needed. This can lead to some variations in class size.
- The complexity and intricacies in the schedule (including class size) are directly related to students' interest, needs, and requirements.
- As a high school, we rely on hand scheduling most of our students. This is due to the flexibility and creativity that is required so that each student has the opportunity to carve out their own pathway.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR # OF SECTIONS OF A COURSE AND SEAT LIMITS...

- Selection/Counseling Process
- Student Readiness
- Classroom experience (the learning)
- Resources
- Room size
- Timing (courses that can be taken later in career)
- Safety
- Discipline
- Specialty of Content
- Teacher input
- Classroom Dynamics

EXAMPLE VARIATIONS IN CLASS SIZE OF CURRENT 2018 COURSES

<u>Course name</u>	<u>Term abbrev.</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>No of students</u>
TRIGONOMETRY	S1	2	M T W TR F	26
TRIGONOMETRY	S1	3	M T W TR F	21
ALGEBRA III	S1	2	M T W TR F	26
PROB AND STATS	S1	1	M T W TR F	28
STATISTICS AP	S1	4	M T W TR F	26
STATISTICS AP	S1	3	M T W TR F	20
PRECALCULUS	S1	4	M T W TR F	21
PRECALCULUS	S1	2	M T W TR F	16
PRECALC ACC	S1	4	M T W TR F	13
PRECALC ACC	S1	1	M T W TR F	14
CALCULUS AB AP -5	S1	1	M T W TR F	25
CALCULUS AB AP -5	S1	2	M T W TR F	24
CALCULUS AB AP -5	S1	4	M T W TR F	23

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE BY DISCIPLINE

Content Area	Average Class Size
Art	20.9
Business	17.3
English	18.8
Physical Education	19.7
World Language	17.4
Science	20.2
Social Studies	20.6
Technology Education	22.4
Math	18.5
Music	15.8

*Class size averages subject to change based on enrollment and schedule changes.

DORSEYVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE CLASS SIZE

- Specialization of student schedules
- Number of courses offered at DMS (Languages, Musics, Math, ELA...etc.)
- Rotation Schedule (6 Day)
- Middle School Philosophy (Teaming, Team Plan)
- Required courses at each grade level
- Number of teaching sections assigned to a teacher
- Number of teams per grade level
- Number of students per grade level/team

CREATING THE SCHEDULE

- Computer generated after course requests and teaching schedules are entered.
- Balancing process...
- Changes made based on: new enrollment, data, class size, student course request (changes).
- Support (IA, PCA, Ed Support)/CO?

AVG. CLASS SIZE AT DMS FOR 18-19 SCHOOL YEAR

Math - 16

Literacy - 18

Science - 22

Social Studies - 21

Art - 18

Business - 18

Health/PE - 17

FACS - 20

French - 14

Spanish - 14

German - 12

Latin - 12

Music - 18

Tech Ed - 18

CLASS SIZE FIGURES

	<u>Core Classes</u>	<u>Non-Core Classes</u>
Total Classes	228	409
Total Classes w/ 25-29 Students	29	22
Total Classes w/ under 15 Students	78	220
Total Classes with more than 30 students	0	0

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS REPORT

FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE CLASS SIZE

Total Enrollment Per Grade Level

Homeroom Cap

- Grades K-1: 23 students per homeroom
- Grades 2-3: 25 students per homeroom
- Grades 4-5: 27 students per homeroom
- Specials (Art, PE, Music, Library, and Computer): one class per period
- Spanish: 1 or 1.5 classes per period dependent on scheduling
- Local vs. State: The homeroom cap is a district determination

Creating balanced classrooms

- 5-month process: April - August
- Team approach
- Multiple criteria and phases of review

FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE CLASS SIZE

Programs

- Special Education and Response to Intervention and Instruction (RtII)-
criteria-based entry
 - Special Education Programs: Learning Support, Quest, EELA, Accelerated Math
 - Response to Intervention and Instruction: Math and Reading Support
- Music Programs - *choice-based entry*
 - Instrumental Lessons
 - Band/Orchestra- extracurricular
 - Chorus- extracurricular

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE AT THE ELEMENTARY LEVEL FOR THE 18-19 SCHOOL YEAR*

KINDERGARTEN	19		GRADE 3	22
Fairview	20		Fairview	24
Hartwood	17		Hartwood	21
Kerr	20		Kerr	22
O'Hara	20		O'Hara	23
GRADE 1	20		GRADE 4	19
Fairview	16		Fairview	17
Hartwood	21		Hartwood	20
Kerr	22		Kerr	20
O'Hara	21		O'Hara	22
GRADE 2	20		GRADE 5	21
Fairview	22		Fairview	22
Hartwood	19		Hartwood	22
Kerr	19		Kerr	23
O'Hara	23		O'Hara	20

*The same averages by grade level and buildings apply to PE, Music, Art, Computer, and Library classes

QUESTIONS?