



Guidance: Limitation of Class Size

Statutory class-size limitations and penalties from the Education Reform Act of 1990 (HB 1017) will return for kindergarten and first-grade classrooms, beginning in the fall of 2021.

Requirement

- Districts must maintain a student-to-teacher ratio of 20:1 in kindergarten and first-grade classrooms.

Exception

The class-size limit and penalty does not apply if:

- The creation of an additional class would cause a class to have fewer than ten (10) students; and
- A teacher's assistant is employed to serve with each teacher in a class that exceeds the class-size limit.
 - A teacher assistant is needed for every nine students above the class-size limit; however, the teacher assistant can serve in more than one classroom. For example, a kindergarten classroom with 24 students and a first-grade classroom with 25 students can share a teacher assistant.

Other Exceptions

The class-size limit and penalty does not apply if:

- The class-size limit is not exceeded until after the first nine weeks of the school year.
- The district does not have sufficient classrooms to meet the class-size limit and has passed a bond issue and voted indebtedness at any time in the five (5) years preceding the year the district exceeds the class-size limit.

Questions? Please contact any member of the OSSBA legal team at 888.528.3571.