



Instruction

Class Size

Class Size Reduction in Grades K-3

When establishing a program to reduce class size in the primary grades, the program shall be implemented at each school according to the following priorities: (Education Code 52124)

1. If only one grade level is reduced at a school, the grade level shall be grade 1.
2. If only two grade levels are reduced at a school, the grade levels shall be grades 1 and 2.
3. If three grade levels are reduced at a school, then those grade levels shall be kindergarten and grades 1 and 2 or grades 1 through 3. Priority shall be given to the reduction of class sizes in grades 1 and 2 before class sizes of kindergarten or grade 3 are reduced.
4. If four grade levels are reduced at a school, then those grade levels shall be kindergarten through grade 3. First priority shall be given to the reduction of class sizes in grade 1 and 2; second priority shall be given to the reduction of class size in kindergarten and grade 3.

Training shall be provided to teachers participating in the class size reduction program which shall include, but not be limited to, methods for providing each of the following: (Education Code 52127)

1. Individualized instruction
2. Effective teaching, including classroom management, in smaller classes
3. Identifying and responding to student needs
4. Opportunities to build on the individual strengths of students

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

Special education students enrolled in special day classes on a full-time basis and students enrolled in necessary small schools that receive funding pursuant to Education Code 42280 shall not be counted in calculating class sizes for purposes of this program.

The implementation of class size reduction has not adversely affected existing class size in other courses.