

REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO CLASS SIZE

I. Class Size Caps

Class size caps refer to the maximum number of students enrolled in a single classroom and are reviewed and set annually by the School Board during the budget process. Elementary class size caps shall be set at the following:

Kindergarten:	22
Grade One:	24
Grade Two:	24
Grade Three:	26
Grade Four:	26
Grade Five:	26

At the middle and high school levels, the Virginia Standards of Quality establish student to teacher ratios instead of class size caps. The School Board complies with these ratios, codified in the [Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 22.1-253.13:2](#).

II. Special Conditions:

A. Exceeding Class Size Caps

Because the Code of Virginia allows larger elementary class size caps than those established by ACPS, these caps may be exceeded slightly under the special conditions listed below. However, they may not exceed the student to teacher ratios set in the Code of Virginia.

1. Siblings of current students will be allowed to enroll in the school that their sibling attends even if class size caps are exceeded.
2. ACPS recognizes the contributions made by military service personnel and will work to accommodate military children as provided in the [Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children](#) (Va. Code [§ 22.1-360](#)). This will include placement at schools previously attended by a student prior to a change of station or in the boundary school where the military family may reside, even if class size caps are exceeded.
3. Under special circumstances involving student health, safety and security, the Superintendent may authorize exceeding the cap.

B. Limiting Class Size Caps

1. In keeping with Policy IHB, based upon a review of school enrollment, physical classroom capacity, and the school's or classroom's programmatic needs, the Superintendent may authorize reductions in class size at individual schools as needed.

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Legal Ref: [Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 22.1-253.13:2](#)
[Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children](#),
Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, [§ 22.1-360](#)

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 JC/JCD Student Placement
 JC-R/JCD-R Regulations Governing ACPS Student Placement Options