



At-A-Glance: Class Size



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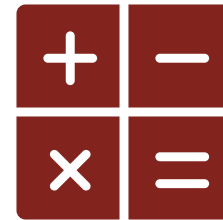
Tennessee sets class size limits for all K-12 grade levels and for Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes.

The average and maximum class size limits are as follows:

Grade Level	Average	Maximum Class Size
K-3	20	25
4-6	25	30
7-12	30	35
CTE	20	25

The average class size of any grade level unit (for example, grades K-3) in a school building may not exceed the average class size limit, though any individual class in the unit may exceed the average. No class may exceed the maximum class size.

The average class sizes for grades K-3, 4-6, and 7-9 are used in the Basic Education Program (BEP) funding formula to determine the number of regular education teachers that are funded per district.



The General Assembly established class size limits following the Tennessee Project STAR study undertaken in 1985, which concluded that smaller class sizes in the early grades had positive and lasting effects on student learning.

