



OACS CLASS SIZE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools recommends that all member schools formulate a class size policy that guides decision-making in this area of school administration. Establishing reasonable policies for their school is an important governance and management function of school officials. Schools will also need to outline fair procedures for implementing their class size policy. A process must be in place in order to adjudicate parental or teacher concerns.

The OACS provides the following class size recommendations from JK to Grade 12 in order to assist schools in their annual resolution of student placements and teacher assignments.

Elementary Schools

Grade Level	Maximum without EA Support	Maximum with EA Support
Kindergarten	18	22
Primary (Grades 1-3)	20	24
Junior (Grades 4-6)	24	28
Intermediate (Grades 7 & 8)	28	Most schools employ a rotary teacher schedule that may make the use of an EA difficult to implement.
Elementary classes that exceed these totals will require the school officials to explore additional support to be provided to the classroom teacher. It is recommended that school officials involve the classroom teacher in these discussions.		

High Schools

Course Type	Optimum Class Size	Maximum Class Size
Intermediate Academic	25	30
Intermediate Applied or Open	16	22
Senior University and University/College	25	30
Senior Workplace	16	22
Courses that require specialized equipment or work spaces such as Art, Drama, Computer, Science and Technological Studies will need to be determined by local conditions.		