



Board Policy 206 Class Size

Class sizes shall be determined with reference to instructional quality and economy of operation.

A desired range for the minimum number of students and an upper limit for the maximum number of students that teachers shall have in their regular classes shall be established by the Board. Therefore, it shall be the goal of the institution to maintain class size to achieve the statewide average of small community colleges' WSCH (Weekly Student Contact Hours).

Therefore, guidelines for minimum enrollment for the opening and maintenance of any class shall be twenty students by the end of the first week of instruction. Laboratory classes with less than 24 stations must have a minimum enrollment of 80% of the station by the end of the first week of instruction. The following will apply:

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Enrollments</u>
24	19
23	18
22	18
21	17
20	16
19	15
18	14
17	14
16	13
15	12

This policy has specific references to the minimum figure for the maintenance of a class. For planning purposes in schedule development, maximum class size expectancy will vary according to room capacity.

A procedure for class cancellation and exceptions to the guidelines shall be established and published in the faculty handbook.

Exceptions to minimum class size guidelines may be based upon the following:

- courses required for graduation
- courses required in a major or career subject areas
- courses offered irregularly based on enrollment and need
- limited classroom or laboratory facilities
- campus size and geographical location
- experimental or pilot programs
- statutory and state regulations mandating class size

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Exceptions to this policy may be granted by the Chancellor in accordance with Title V of the California Administrative Code, Section 51702.5 Cal. Adm. Code 51700 et seq.

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