

# Department of Instruction Strategic Action Updates

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ELEMENTARY CLASS SIZE

# LCPS Strategic Plan



**Goal 1: Develop knowledgeable critical thinkers, communicators, collaborators, creators, and contributors.**

## Topic: Elementary Class Size

| STRATEGIC ACTION  | PERFORMANCE MEASURE   | DESIRED OUTCOME   |
|---|---|---|
| <p>LCPS will maintain class sizes that meet the following criteria:</p> <p>LCPS will use a staffing standard of one teacher per 23 students for kindergarten through grade 5.</p> <p>No classes in grades 1-5 will exceed the grade level maximums (GLMs) of 28 for grades 1-3 and 31 for grades 4-5 without having a teacher assistant.</p> <p>95% of K-3 classes will have 26 or fewer students. 95% of grade 4-5 classes will have 29 or fewer students. (2 fewer than the grade level maximums)</p> | <p>Class size data will be calculated as of September 30 of each school year.</p> <p>The grade level maximum without having a teacher assistant is 28 for grades 1-3 and 31 for grades 4 and 5.</p> | <p>FY17 Baseline<br/>           K-3 class size staffing standard: 23.0<br/>           Gr.4-5 class size staffing standard: 23.0<br/>           # classes above GLM w/o TA: 0<br/>           95% or higher of K-3 classes w/ 26 or fewer students: yes<br/>           95% or higher of Gr.4-5 classes w/ 29 or fewer students: yes</p> <p>FY18 – FY20<br/>           K-3 class size staffing standard: 23.0<br/>           Gr.4-5 class size staffing standard: 23.0<br/>           # classes above GLM w/o TA: 0<br/>           95% or higher of K-3 classes w/ 26 or fewer students<br/>           95% of Gr.4-5 classes w/ 29 or fewer students</p> |

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## DESIRED OUTCOME

SY19: K-5 class size staffing standard: 23.0

95% or higher of K-3 classes w/26 or fewer students:

95% or higher of Gr. 4-5 classes w/29 or fewer students:

## ACHIEVEMENT

Elementary staffing was maintained according to the staffing standard to allow for class sizes to remain within the “desired outcome” thresholds.

95% or higher of K-3 classes w/26 or fewer students: **YES (96% or 1030/1073)**

95% or higher of Gr. 4-5 classes w/29 or fewer students: **YES (99.8% or 546/547)**

# K-3 Classes Exceeding Thresholds

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|              | # of classes @ 27 | # of classes @28 | # of classes @ 30 |
|--------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Kindergarten | 19*               | NA               | NA                |
| First Grade  | 8                 | 4                | 0                 |
| Second Grade | 5                 | 0                | 0                 |
| Third Grade  | 3                 | 3                | 1                 |
| Total        | 35                | 7                | 1                 |

- - Allowable as of 5/22/18 under revised SB Policy §5080

Note: As of 9/30/18, no K-3 classes had an enrollment of 29 students.

# History of Class Size Desired Outcomes

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|     | FY17 | FY18 | FY19 |
|-----|------|------|------|
| K-3 | 96.4 | 96.3 | 96   |
|     |      |      |      |
| 4-5 | 98.7 | 97   | 99.8 |

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