

SCHOOL SIZE POLICY

MINIMUM SIZE

- a. In addition to providing a sound educational experience and opportunity to students, a school must be able to financially support itself. The school's enrollment is the basis for deriving revenue and on that basis minimum school enrollment sizes are established:

Elementary	-	450	7-12 Combination	-	1,000
Junior High	-	750	K-8 Combination	-	900
High	-	900			

- b. When a school's enrollment declines and no longer supports itself, the School Board will initiate the following actions:
- 1) Increase enrollment by adding programs.
 - 2) Increase enrollment by redistricting.
 - 3) Consider other area schools and if appropriate, close the school and redistrict students to other area schools.

MAXIMUM SIZE

- a. When a school's enrollment is such that lunch is served outside the desired window of 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the site cannot handle the classrooms required, physical education or activity area is compromised with classroom requirement, parking is unavailable or school bus and parent pick-up or drop-off is insufficient, the school is deemed in duress and is over-capacity.

The above issues together with research on the topic and considering the School Board's ideal size according to the District's Facility List, provide the basis to establish limits on the size of schools. The School Board establishes the maximum school enrollment size as follows:

Elementary	-	1,000	7-12 Combination	-	2,500
Junior High	-	1,500	K-8 Combination	-	1,500
High	-	2,500			

- b. When schools exceed the above maximums, the School Board will initiate the following actions:
- 1) Decrease programs to reduce enrollment.
 - 2) Redistrict students to other area schools.
 - 3) Consider the long range plan for new schools and if not identified, amend the Capital Projects Plan to include a new school, if warranted, to relieve the over-capacity status.

**MAXIMUM SCHOOL ENROLLMENT
ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. FIE, PES, TBE

**FIE PROJECTED 2011/12 ENROLLMENT – 1146
PES PROJECTED 2011/12 ENROLLMENT – 1104
TBE PROJECTED 2011/12 ENROLLMENT – 1655**

OBJECTIVE: MAXIMUM SCHOOL ENROLLMENT - 1000

ALTERNATIVES

- 1. REDISTRICT TO REDUCE ENROLLMENT**
- 2. CONSTRUCT ADDITIONAL SCHOOLS:**
 - A) ELEMENTARY “R” – TBE AND PES**
 - B) ELEMENTARY “L” – TBE, PES AND FIE**

RECOMMENDATION

CONSTRUCT ADDITIONAL SCHOOLS: ELEMENTARY “R” AND ELEMENTARY “L”

2. LAE

PROJECTED 2011/12 ENROLLMENT – 1187

OBJECTIVE: MAXIMUM SCHOOL ENROLLMENT - 1000

ALTERNATIVES

- 1. REDISTRICT TO REDUCE ENROLLMENT**
- 2. CONSTRUCT ADDITIONAL SCHOOL:**
 - A) ELEMENTARY “C” – LAE AND ELEMENTARY “X”**

RECOMMENDATION

CONSTRUCT ADDITIONAL SCHOOL: ELEMENTARY “C”

3. WES

PROJECTED 2011/12 ENROLLMENT – 1037

OBJECTIVE: MAXIMUM SCHOOL ENROLLMENT - 1000

ALTERNATIVE

- 1. REDISTRICT TO REDUCE ENROLLMENT**

RECOMMENDATION

REDISTRICT STUDENTS FROM WES TO CHE

4. FIHS

PROJECTED 2011/12 ENROLLMENT – 2677

OBJECTIVE: MAXIMUM SCHOOL ENROLLMENT - 2500

ALTERNATIVE

- 1. REDISTRICT TO REDUCE ENROLLMENT**

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. REDISTRICT STUDENTS FROM FIHS TO RHS
AND
REDISTRICT STUDENTS FROM RHS TO OPHS**