

PreK-6
Assignment of Students to School

The MSAD 52 School Board will strive to maintain the class size, teaching load, and course enrollment that it deems appropriate for the effective instruction of pupils, recognizing financial constraints. The Board recognizes that greater direct teacher contact with pupils contributes to the educational growth of children.

Students shall be required to attend the elementary school in the town in which they live.

Appeals for students to attend elementary schools out of their residence area may be made to the Superintendent in cases of extreme hardship. Parents/guardians must demonstrate an educational, environmental, or set of personal family circumstances which would necessitate a change in the child's school placement.

A formal request will be sent to the Superintendent. The Superintendent will meet with pertinent administrators to discuss the request. Administration will consider the request and the following recommendations when making their decisions:

| GRADE GROUPING | * OPTIMUM CLASS SIZE |
|----------------|----------------------|
| K | 16:1 |
| 1 - 3 | 18:1 |
| 4 - 6 | 22:1 |

Any change in student placement will result in no additional cost to the District. The Superintendent will send a written notification of the decision. Transportation for elementary students to attend a school not in their town is the responsibility of the parents.

Decisions will be reviewed on annual basis. The Superintendent's decision will be final.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA Section 1001(8)

* These class sizes are only for consideration of requests related to this policy.

Adopted: June 2000
Revised: April 2007
Reviewed: November 2014