

# Washington West Supervisory Union Model Policy

## Policy G14-R

### G14-R: CLASS SIZE

#### Policy

It is the intent of the member district schools of the Washington West Supervisory Union: Fayston Elementary School, Harwood Union High School, Moretown Elementary School, Waitsfield Elementary School, Warren Elementary School, and the Waterbury/Duxbury Union School District (Crossett Brook Middle School and Thatcher Brook Primary School) to comply with Sections 15 and 16 of Act 153 of 2010<sup>1</sup> requiring superintendents to work with school boards to develop policy procedures for minimum and optimal average class sizes in regular and technical education classes. Class size procedures will be used to inform annual decisions related to staffing and program offerings.

#### Implementation

1. The superintendent or his or her designee shall, in consultation with building principals, develop for each member school within the Washington West Supervisory Union class minimum and optimum average class size procedures that take into account the instructional needs of specific elementary grade intervals and required and elective courses at the secondary level, including independent study.
2. Class size procedures in the supervisory union may vary from school to school as necessary to reflect differences among school districts due to geography and other factors, such as school size and programmatic needs.
3. The procedures shall also ensure compliance with state or federal requirements.
4. The superintendent shall report to each Board at least annually on the implementation of this policy, and shall include in his or her report information related to the use of the procedures in determining actual class sizes and program offerings in the schools within the supervisory union.
5. The Vermont Department of Education's *Class Size Policy Guidelines* shall be considered in developing Washington West Supervisory Union class size procedures.
6. This policy shall be posted on the supervisory union's Web site and forwarded to the Commissioner of Education by January 15, 2011<sup>2</sup>.

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Legal Reference(s):

Cross Reference:

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<sup>1</sup> Section 15 Act 153 of 2010 requires superintendents to "work with the school boards of the member districts to develop and implement policies regarding minimum and optimal average class sizes for regular and technical education classes. The policies may be supervisory union-wide, may be course or grade specific, and may reflect differences among school districts due to geography and other factors." 16 V.S.A. § 242(5).

<sup>2</sup> School District-Specific Minimum and Optimal Average Class Size Model Policy & Guidelines (September 8, 2010).