



KNOW YOUR CONTRACT

Grade Span Adjustment

WHAT DOES YOUR CONTRACT SAY?

Section 11.2: The maximum number of students per class, including mainstreamed special education students are: TK, K, 1, 2, and 3 will adhere to Grade Span Adjustment (GSA) requirements contingent upon continued state funding.

WHAT IS GRADE SPAN ADJUSTMENT ?

Grade Span Adjustment is a requirement from the state in order to receive specific funding. It states that all eligible TK-3 classes on an elementary site must have an average of no more than 24 to 1.

If any one school has a GSA over 24 to 1, then the district receives no funding for GSA. It is important for each school site to stay under 24 to 1.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOUR CLASSROOM?

Class size will vary year to year so your class size can fluctuate quite a lot from one year to the next. There are maximum class caps defined by the Education Code that the district must still comply with:

No single kindergarten class can be more than 33 students. The average kindergarten class size in the district must be under 31.

The district must also limit the average annual enrollment for a single first, second, or third grade class to 32, and the average annual enrollment of all first, second, and third grade classes in a district to 30.

I AM OVER THOSE MAXIMUM CLASS CAPS, WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

The district does have a 20 day grace period at the beginning of each semester in order to adjust class sizes. Within 5 days of the end of that grace period, the site administrator “will initiate action” to reduce your numbers.

MY CLASS SEEMS REALLY LARGE, WE MUST BE OVER GSA, RIGHT?

To figure out if your site is following GSA, take the total enrollment of all TK-3 classes and divide by the number of classes. If the average is 24 or lower, the district is compliant.

If you have four 3rd grade classes at 18 students you could have 4 other TK-3 classes that have 30 and still be compliant. GSA is calculated using enrollment on the last day of each month.

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