

# Portland Public School District 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

DATE OF FIRST READING: September 05, 2023

## PUBLIC COMMENT FOR

### **Policy Revision 3.10.031-P Class Size Guidelines and School Staff Allocations**

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The Portland Public School District is providing Notice of Proposed Revised Policy and Public Comment to offer interested parties reasonable opportunity to submit data or comments on the proposed policies noted below.

Public comment may be submitted in writing directly to the district or through the district website noted below. Written comments must be submitted by 5:00pm on the Last Date for Comment listed below.

**Open for Comment until at least:  
September 26, 2023**

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**Summary:**                    **Revision of Policy 3.10.031-P Class Size Guidelines and School Staff Allocations**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading by:**        **Director Julia Brim-Edwards**  
Portland Public School Board, Policy Committee Chair

**Recommended for a 1st Reading by:**  
Portland Public Schools Board of Education  
Policy Committee

**Draft Policy Web Site:** <http://www.pps.net/draftpolicies>

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## STAFF REPORT

**Date:** August 31, 2023  
**To:** School Board  
**From:** Mary Kane, Senior Legal Counsel  
**Subject:** Revisions to Class Size Policy 3.10.031-P

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### **BACKGROUND**

At the August 28, 2023 Board Policy Committee meeting, committee members reviewed amendments to this policy with the Superintendent and staff. The language was approved by the committee who then recommended it move to the full Board for a First Reading.

### **ANALYSIS OF SITUATION**

In the past, class sizes at focus option schools were not consistently aligned with neighborhood school guidelines. This new language represents the changes instituted by the District to have focus-option schools follow District-wide procedures with respect to class size targets.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

This is unlikely to have an economic impact.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

There was no community engagement.

### **TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION / EVALUATION**

This would be implemented prior to the 2024-25 school year.

### **CONNECTION TO BOARD GOALS**

These changes align with the Board's goal of creating more equitable learning environments for students.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the adoption of these revisions to the policy.

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ATTACHMENTS

- A. Redline copy of Class Size Policy
- B. Clean copy of Class Size Policy

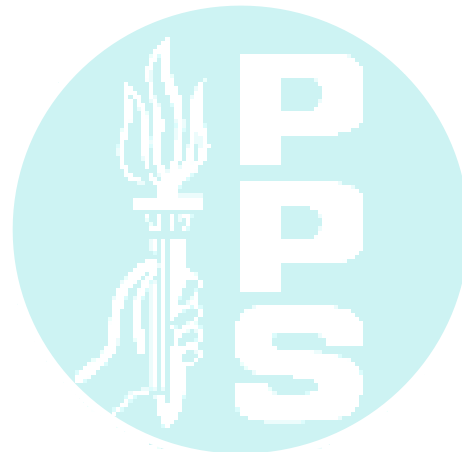


## 3.10.031-P Class Size Guidelines and School staff allocations

The Board directs the superintendent to determine school staff allocation and class size guidelines for the district and to communicate that information to all district administrators. **Class size guidelines and school staff allocations for focus programs, focus schools and dual immersion schools shall align with school staff allocations and class size guidelines for neighborhood schools.**

Legal References: Legal References: ORS 243.650; OAR 581-022-1630; Tualatin Valley Bargaining Council v. Tigard School District 23J, Case No. UP-42-89, 11 PECBR 11/590 (1989); motion to stay denied, 11 PECBR 11/777 (1989); aff'd, 106 Or. App. 381 (1991); rev'd and remanded, 314 Or. 274 (1992); order on remand \_ PECBR \_ (1993).

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