

**MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
RURAL VIRTUAL ACADEMY**

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School and class sizes for the Rural Virtual Academy (RVA) are to be determined by the RVA Governance Board and for purposes of open enrollment limitations also in conjunction with the authorizer, Medford Area Public School District (MAPSD). The RVA Governance Board recognizes that optimal educational achievement for students enrolled in a virtual school setting will be best served by considering the following criteria when determining both school and class sizes:

- Ages of the students being assigned to the class.
- Degree of independent learning expected or demonstrated by the assigned students.
- Number of at-risk or special needs students.
- Facility limitations.
- Available financial resources.

Using these considerations, the MAPSD Board of Education (BOE) will establish class and school guidelines including maximum enrollments in Stetsonville Elementary School, Medford Area Elementary School, Medford Area Middle School, and Medford Area Senior High School. It is the policy of the MAPSD BOE to set no space limitations for these schools.

Using these same considerations, the RVA Governance Board will establish class and school size guidelines including recommended maximum enrollments in the Rural Virtual Academy. The Governance Board recognizes that school and class sizes greater than the maximum may be approved.

It is the policy of the RVA Governance Board to recommend class sizes of 35 students in grades Pre-K through 12 direct instruction classes, 50 students in Pre-K through 12 independent classes, and a total of 355 students (based on a 25:1 student-teacher ratio) in special education. The total school size for the RVA is 2,405 students.

CROSS REFERENCE:

LEGAL REFERENCE: '118.001, 118.51(5), 120.12(2), 120.13(1)