

**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. 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 RVA Governance Board will establish class and school size guidelines including recommended maximum enrollments. The Governance Board recognizes that class sizes greater than the maximum may be approved.

It is the policy of the RVA Governance Board to recommend class sizes of thirty-five (35) students in grades Pre-K through 12 direct instruction classes, fifty (50) students in Pre-K through 12 independent classes and a total of 100 students (based on a 25:1 student teacher ratio) in special education. The total school size for the RVA is 1,000 students.

CROSS REFERENCE: RVA-JECBD
LEGAL REFERENCE: §118.001, 118.51(5), 120.12(2), 120.13(1)