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- (1) In single grade rooms, the maximum class size shall be:
 - (a) no more than 20 students in kindergarten and grades 1 and 2;
 - (b) no more than 28 students in grades 3 and 4;
 - (c) no more than 30 students in grades 5 through 8.
- (2) In multigrade classrooms, the maximum class size shall be:
 - (a) no more than 20 students in grades K, 1, 2, and 3;
 - (b) no more than 24 students in grades 4, 5, and 6;
 - (c) no more than 26 students in grades 7 and 8.
- (3) Multigrade classrooms that cross grade level boundaries (e.g., 3-4, 6-7) shall use the maximum of the lower grade.
- (4) In one-teacher schools, the maximum class size shall be 18 students.
- (5) The school district must assign qualified human resources that comply with all fingerprint and background check requirements when exceeding maximum class sizes at a rate of 1 1/2 hours per day, per student overload.
- (6) An overload of five students per classroom is considered excessive.

History: Mont. Const. Art. X, sec. 9, [20-2-114](#), [20-2-121](#), [20-7-101](#), MCA; [IMP](#), Mont. Const. Art. X, sec. 9, [20-2-121](#), [20-3-106](#), [20-7-101](#), MCA; [NEW](#), 1989 MAR p. 342, Eff. 7/1/89; [AMD](#), 1995 MAR p. 625, Eff. 4/28/95; [AMD](#), 2000 MAR p. 3340, Eff. 12/8/00; [AMD](#), 2023 MAR p. 255, Eff. 7/1/23.

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Graduation Year	9TH	10TH	11TH	12TH	Total Students	Grade	2023-24	2024-25
2024	92	83	79	73	327	12	73	79
2025	74	92	83	79	328	11	79	85
2026	78	74	92	83	327	10	83	98
2027	80	78	74	92	324	9	92	88
2028	71	80	78	74	289	8	74	78
2029	63	71	80	78	292	7	78	82
2030	61	63	71	80	275	6	80	71
2031	56	61	63	71	251	5	71	66
2032	56	56	61	63	241	4	63	61
2033		56	56	61	173	3	61	59
2034			56	56	112	2	56	55
2035				56	56	1	56	52
2036				65		K	52	44
Total Enrollment		As of 6/5/24		931		K1	13	0
						TOTAL	931	918