

Middle School Class Sizes

The following data shows the class sizes of the middle schools for the core courses (Math, Social Studies, English, Science, and Reading/Foreign Language).

	RMS Grade 7	RMS Grade 8	NMS Grade 7	NMS Grade 8	HMS Grade 7	HMS Grade 8
# of classes						
<20 students	10	10	13	10	12	14
% of classes	20%	19%	17%	13%	23%	27%
20-25 students	26	12	19	18	18	16
% of classes	52%	23%	24%	23%	34%	31%
26-29 students	12	22	22	24	19	16
% of classes	24%	43%	28%	30%	37%	31%
30+ students	2	8	24	27	3	6
% of classes	4%	15%	31%	34%	6%	11%
Total Classes	50	52	78	79	52	52

While no single year of statistics can be extrapolated to make assumptions concerning class size, Citizens For Education reviews the class size data every year, looking for long term trends as well as consistency among the middle schools (see our website for prior years class size and class rigor tables). It is interesting to note that, once again, NMS has a very high percentage of classes over 30 students. While HMS and RMS now have similar class sizes and student population, HMS has 18 more permanent classrooms than RMS. As the population continues to decline across the school district, the administration will be challenged to place students so that the number of students and the class sizes are appropriate to the middle school facility.