

## CLASS SIZE TERMINOLOGY

### FAMIS 2026 | Florida Department of Education

#### PROCESSING

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| <b>Class Size Maximum</b> | The maximum number of students allowed in a classroom.                         | <b>Penalty</b>         | A financial consequence for exceeding class size limits. Removed in 2023 |
| <b>Survey</b>             | A snapshot of district student and staff data at a specific point in the year. | <b>Compliance</b>      | Meeting the class size legislative requirements.                         |
| <b>Trial Run</b>          | A preliminary run prior to the survey opening.                                 | <b>Compliance Plan</b> | A plan districts submit when they're out of class size compliance.       |

#### DATA COLLECTION

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| <b>Student Course</b> | The database format that tells us which students are in which class.      | <b>MSID</b>        | The ID that identifies every public school in Florida.                                  |
| <b>Teacher Course</b> | The database format that tells us which teacher(s) is in which classroom. | <b>CCD</b>         | Core Course Directory. The directory that tells us which courses count as core courses. |
| <b>FISH</b>           | The unique ID number assigned to each physical classroom.                 | <b>Core Course</b> | Subjects, such as Math, Science, and Reading, the courses that count for Class Size.    |

#### REPORTS

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| <b>All FISH</b>             | Every classroom record included in the calculation.            | <b>School Choice Average</b> | The average class size calculated for school choice programs.    |
| <b>Traditional Over Cap</b> | Traditional classrooms that exceeded the student limit         | <b>Unduplicated</b>          | Counting each student only once, no repeats.                     |
| <b>Charter Average</b>      | The average class size calculated at the charter school level. | <b>Adjusted</b>              | The students count after applying scheduling method corrections. |

| <b>SCHEDULING METHODS &amp; FACTORS</b><br>FAMIS 2026   Florida Department of Education<br><u><b>Class Size Reporting Guidelines, July 2026</b></u> |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>CODE</b>                                                                                                                                         | <b>TITLE</b>                                                    | <b>DEFINITION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>FACTOR</b>                                                                                                        |
| <b>A</b>                                                                                                                                            | <b>Alternate Week Schedule</b>                                  | Teacher meets with different groups of students in same course/ classroom on same day, but alternate weeks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <i>All students are aggregated, unduplicated and divided by two (2).</i>                                             |
| <b>B</b>                                                                                                                                            | <b>Block Scheduling</b>                                         | The course is scheduled so that students may earn one credit in the course in a semester.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <i>All students are aggregated, unduplicated and divided by one (1).</i>                                             |
| <b>C</b>                                                                                                                                            | <b>Co-Teaching</b>                                              | A classroom in which two or more teachers share responsibility for planning, delivering and evaluating instruction for all students in a class. In order to be considered co-teaching, this delivery system is provided whenever a class/subject is taught by two or more teachers and must continue for the entire class period. | <i>All students are aggregated, unduplicated and divided by the number of teachers in the same term/FISH/period.</i> |
| <b>D</b>                                                                                                                                            | <b>Teacher Apprentice</b>                                       | A classroom where a Primary certified teacher serves as a mentor to an apprentice, responsible for team-teaching strategies and providing on-the-job training for at least two years.                                                                                                                                             | <i>All students aggregated, unduplicated, and divided by 1.5.</i>                                                    |
| <b>G</b>                                                                                                                                            | <b>Individual or Small Group Instruction (Separate Setting)</b> | Teacher meets with an individual student or small group of students in a separate classroom setting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <i>All students are aggregated, unduplicated and divided by one (1).</i>                                             |
| <b>I</b>                                                                                                                                            | <b>In-Class One-on-One (with Self-Contained)</b>                | Teacher meets with an individual student or small group of students on an individualized basis within a traditional classroom but not as a co-teacher.                                                                                                                                                                            | <i>All students are aggregated, unduplicated and divided by all non "I" teachers plus the one-on-one instructor.</i> |
| <b>M</b>                                                                                                                                            | <b>Multiple-Use Classroom or Pod</b>                            | More than one class meets during the same period in a space designated by one FISH number but separated by temporary "walls."                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <i>All students are aggregated and divided by the number of teachers coded "M."</i>                                  |
| <b>S</b>                                                                                                                                            | <b>Self-Contained</b>                                           | One teacher provides total instruction for the entire class period.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <i>All students are aggregated, unduplicated and divided by one (1).</i>                                             |
| <b>W</b>                                                                                                                                            | <b>Wheel Class</b>                                              | Same course meets in the same room with the same teacher during the same period on multiple days of the week, but with different groups of students.                                                                                                                                                                              | <i>All students are aggregated, unduplicated and divided by one (1).</i>                                             |

#### **Scheduling Methods and Adjustment Hierarchy:**

1. I – In-Class One-on-One Instruction
2. C – Co-Teaching / M – Multi-Use Classroom
3. A – Alternate Week Schedule
4. D – Teacher Apprentice