


Classroom Size Feedback

Next Right Steps to
Get Data for Decisions

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Quick Review of Classroom Size Procedures & Policies . . .

Target class sizes for schools like Marcy that are not designated as “high priority schools” are:

K-3: 26 students

4-12: 32 students

Numbers Can Vary

It is important to remember that our **class size targets are goals, not limits, so some classes may exceed these targets by a student or two.** MPS wants to meet class size targets while providing families and students with choices about where to send their children to school. We also make it a priority to not require a student to attend a different school than his or her sibling because of a class size target. This practice has previously been identified as a value of our school district.

School Administration Decisions

Sometimes school administrations schedule classrooms above the maximum targets while scheduling others below to eliminate split grades or provide more targeted academic programs.

Lack of Space to Add Classroom

Finally, **at some schools, there is not space to add a classroom.** Where there are capacity constraints, co-teachers or associate educators reduce the size of instructional groups.

Next right steps?

Two Tools Proposed

1. **Infographic:** Building space compared to student #s
2. **Perception data & priorities:** Staff, Students, Family

1. Building Space Infographic

- Get Marcy classroom size numbers
- Place classroom size numbers in school map, with dimensions
- Compare to information for newly built schools

Outcome: develop potential infographic that may highlight areas of congestion

2. Perception Data & Priorities

- Optional participation in survey to identify concerns
- Rank importance to look for outcomes we can examine compared to current classroom sizes
- Translate the survey into Spanish and Somali
- Similar questions for each group, but sort by following groups (if more than 10 respondents)
 - Staff
 - Classroom teacher
 - Parents
 - Students

Outcome: identify any areas of concern around classroom size, and prioritize to develop solutions

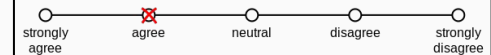
Perception Data - Likert Scale

Statements on a Likert Scale

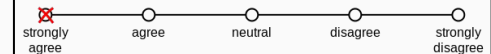
- Likert Scale Composition
- Likert Scale Scoring & Analysis

Example Likert Scale

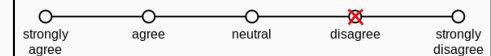
1. Wikipedia has a user friendly interface.



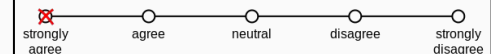
2. Wikipedia is usually my first resource for research.



3. Wikipedia pages generally have good images.



4. Wikipedia allows users to upload pictures easily.



5. Wikipedia has a pleasing color scheme.



Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Likert_scale

Perception Data - Prioritize Outcomes

Rank each question in order of importance to help us look for outcomes that may tie to Marcy classroom size.

Feedback on Questions?

1. Classroom size is important to me.
2. Marcy's classroom size helps support **student discipline**.
3. Marcy's classroom size helps support **student health**.
4. Marcy's classroom size helps support **student learning**.
5. Marcy's classroom size helps support **student emotional well-being**.
6. Marcy's classroom size helps support **student safety**.
7. Marcy's classroom size helps support **student engagement**.
8. Marcy's classroom size helps support **adult-student relationships**.
9. Marcy has an **appropriate classroom size**.
10. Marcy has an **appropriate student to teacher ratio**.
11. My student has a **positive relationship with at least 1 adult** in building.