# ARTICLE V

# CLASS SIZE

The District shall establish class sizes in accordance with Education Code requirements. The District shall maintain ~~a~~ target teaching assignments ~~of thirty (30) students per teacher for self-contained classes and one hundred fifty three (153) students per teacher for departmentalized classes, except as defined further in this article.~~ Homeroom classes of 15 minutes or less shall not be counted in the target teaching assignment. In the scheduling of classes, the first priority for lower class size shall be given to academic core subjects. ~~Effective for the 2005-2006 school year, the target teaching assignment for departmentalized classes shall be one hundred fifty-eight (158), except as defined further in this article.~~ The parties agree to work on equitable student/teacher assignments, efficient period allocation, and timely attention to scheduling issues at sites. In the scheduling of class, the first priority for lower class sizes shall be given to academic core subjects.

1. The District and Association agree on the following class size targets:

* Grades TK – 3: average of 24 students and in accordance with Education Code class size requirements
* Grades 4 – 5: target of 32 students with a $1,000 stipend for each student over 32 and shall not exceed 35 students. Stipends will be prorated according to class size.
* Grades 6 – 8: target of 35 students/175 total; PE target of 45 students
* Grades 9 – 12: target of 36 students/180 total: PE target of 50 students

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1. Classes at the middle and high school level in ~~physical education~~, ASB/student government, performing arts, band, and chorus shall have a target class size of ~~forty~~ fifty (50) students per period.
2. Elective classes at the secondary level, such as athletic PE, marching band, tall flags, drill team, may have a higher class size than the target in ~~B~~ A. of this article with the consent of the teaching staff assigned.
3. The District agrees to assign pupils to classes in such a manner as to nearly as possible equalize the teaching load within grade levels or subject discipline areas.
4. ~~In shops and labs, class size shall have a target limit of the number of stations available.~~
5. The MEA president and the Assistant Superintendent for Personnel will schedule a meeting during the first month after school starts, and subsequent meetings as needed, to review staffing with the intent to resolve issues relative to this article.