



**CLASS SIZE AND COMPOSITION PROCESS (BILL 33)  
KEY POINTS FOR TEACHERS  
SEPTEMBER, 2011**

**1. What are the limits?**

GRADE	MAXIMUM	IEP's
Kindergarten	22 (Cannot be exceeded)	3
Grades 1-3	24 (Cannot be exceeded)	3
Grades 4-7	30 (Consent of teacher required to exceed) <i>Please contact the ADTU Office if you are being asked to exceed the limit.</i>	3
Grade 8-12	30 (Must consult with teacher in order to exceed)	3

**Ministry Designations Covered By Bill 33**

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
A	Physically Dependent
B	Deaf /Blind
C	Moderate to Severe/Profound Intellectual Disability
D	Physical Disability/Chronic Health Impairment
E	Visual Impairment
F	Deaf or Hard of Hearing
G	Autism
H	Intensive Behaviour Interventions/Serious Mental Illness
K	Mild Intellectual Disability
Q	Learning Disabilities
R	Moderate Behaviour Support/Mental Illness

**2. What is “appropriate for student learning”? (The Dorsey Sum)**

Teachers are advised to not agree to classes and complete a Consultation Report Form if any class has a combined total of students and IEP's exceeding 33. For example: 26 students of whom 8 have IEP's = 34. **If you are expected to teach a class in excess of 33 please contact the ADTU Office.**

### **3. The Consultation Process (Must be completed by Sept. 28)**

- **Ensure that the principal has provided all relevant information, including IEPs and designations, at the beginning of the consultation process for any class that exceeds 30 students or any class with more than 3 students with an IEP.**
- **You are entitled to at least two days to review the information and to then have a consultation meeting. It is up to the teacher to request a consultation meeting.**
- **It is advisable to have your Staff Representative present at the consultation meeting. The ADTU can provide release time for Staff Reps – pre-arrange by contacting Ken Zydyk.**
- **Complete the ADTU/BCTF Consultation form with your Staff Representative during the course of the consultation process.**
- **Do not sign the Principal's Consultation Form**
- **The principal should inform you when the consultation process is over and of her or his decision.**
- **If you disagree with the organization of the class, inform the principal and provide some basis for that opinion. Complete the ADTU/BCTF Consultation Form indicating the date and time you informed the principal and give the form to your Staff Representative or forward directly to the ADTU Office.**

### **4. What to do if you have a problem?**

- **Immediately contact your Staff Representative or call Ken Zydyk at the ADTU Office 724-5021**
- **Do not attend any meetings with administration without first getting advice or without taking your Staff Representative with you.**

**For more information and a copy of the Consultation Form you can go to our website: [www.adtu.ca](http://www.adtu.ca) and follow the Bill 33 Information link or call the ADTU Office at 724-5021.**

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