

		<b>DHS Head Start Program Policy</b>			
<b>EnvHS 2</b>					
<b>SUBJECT</b>		Class Size Requirements			
<b>REFERENCE</b>		Environmental Health and Safety			
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**Policy:**

Head Start group/classroom size are determined by the age of the majority of children and the needs of children present.

Education Service Providers must establish the classroom age designation of each classroom at the start of the year and may adjust this determination during the program year as needed.

A class that serves a majority of children who are three years olds (51% or more), must have no more than 17 children. A class that serves a majority of children who are four and five years old (51%), must have no more than 20 children. Class sizes are also determined based on square footage, with a minimum of 35 square feet of usable indoor space per child available for the care and use of children and at least 75 square feet of usable outdoor play space per child.

**Performance Standard(s):**

1302.21(b)(1-4); 1302.94(b)

