

CLASS SIZES DIRECTIVE

In accordance with ASTI policy on class size the following are the maximum class sizes which should be permitted in schools:

Home Economics	20
Art	24
Agricultural Science	24
Computer Science	24
Construction Studies	24
Engineering	24
Leaving Cert Applied	24
Leaving Cert Physical Education	24
Leaving Cert Vocational Programme	24
Materials Technology (Wood)	24
Metalwork (Materials & Technology)	24
Music	24
Science	24
Design and Communications Graphics	24
Technical Graphics	24
Technology	24
Transition Year Programme	24
All other classes	30

**THIS
DIRECTIVE
WILL HELP
TO:**

- foster good teaching practice
- encourage positive classroom relationships
- assist school discipline
- enhance standards of education
- retain teaching positions

It should be noted that the Department of Education has no recommended class sizes and there are no legal liabilities on a teacher in relation to this matter. Such liabilities are a matter for the employer who has to ensure that pupils are afforded an adequate duty of care.

**ASTI policy on class size:
Convention 2021 motion**

In addition to the above, ASTI Convention 2021 adopted the following motion:
That the ASTI adopt a policy of maximum class size of 24 students for general subjects and a maximum class size of 20 students for all practical subjects.