

MULTI-GRADE CLASSES

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

When the board forms multi-grade classes, it shall attempt to group the students in such a way as to ensure the best teaching possible, while complying with the provisions of this clause.

The board shall forward to the union at the time and in the manner determined by the board information concerning multi-grade classes that the board intends to form for the next school year. The union may make recommendations to the board concerning the classes.

When the board forms a multi-grade class in a school that has 100 students or more, it shall try to group together, whenever possible, students of the same cycle.

When a school has 65 students or more at the elementary level, a multi-grade class shall be limited to two grades, unless there is an agreement to the contrary between the board and the union.

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, a multi-grade class may contain a maximum of three grades, unless the board and the union agree otherwise, if the number of students in a two-grade class that the board could form is less than:

- 18¹, if there are one or more grade-1 students in the class;
- 20², if there are no grade-1 students but one or more grade-2 students;
- 21³, if there are one or more grade-3 students;
- 23³, if there are only grade-4, -5 or -6 students in the class. In each of these cases, the multi-grade class shall be limited to three grades.

In a school where there are fewer than 65 students at the elementary level, a multi-grade class shall be limited to three grades, unless there is an agreement to the contrary between the board and the union.

In a school where there are fewer than 25 students at the elementary level, a multi-grade class may contain more than three grades.

The excess number of students in a multi-grade class shall be established on the basis of the average⁴ and not the maximum number of students and the

compensation shall be determined accordingly.

For the purposes of this clause, "school" means the building where the teacher provides instruction.

PRESCHOOL

If the board forms a multi-grade class in a school that has 100 students or more, it shall try, whenever possible, to form such classes, excluding preschool students.

1 Read 16, if there are one or more grade-1 students in economically disadvantaged areas as long as Appendix XXII applies.

2 Read 16, if there are one or more grade-2 students in economically disadvantaged areas as long as Appendix XXII applies.

3 As of the 2011-2012 school year, read 16 for schools situated in economically disadvantaged areas as long as Appendix XXII applies.

4 If the averages applicable to the grades of the students in a multi-grade class are different, the lowest average applies to that class.

SPECIAL MEASURES CONCERNING MULTIGRADE CLASSES

Every year, the Ministère shall allocate \$1.5M per school year as a supplementary measure designed to provide support to teachers assigned to multi-grade classes.

The amounts allocated to each board are intended for teachers working with multi-grade classes and cover, among other things, the purchase of material, assuming responsibility occasionally for part of a group (commonly known as "déjumelage"), release time for the preparation of material or training (at the choice of the teachers concerned). The amounts shall be managed by the professional improvement committee.