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**Multigrade classes Elementary school**

When the board forms multigrade 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 multigrade 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 multigrade 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 multigrade 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 multigrade 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 under subclause a) is less than:

* -  18, if there are one or more grade-1 students in the class;
* -  20, if there are no grade-1 students but one or more grade-2 students;
* -  21, if there are one or more grade-3 students;
* -  23, if there are only grade-4, -5 or -6 students in the class.  In each of these cases, the multigrade class shall be limited to three grades.

In a school where there are fewer than 65 students at the elementary level, a multigrade 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 multigrade class may contain more than three grades.

The excess number of students in a multigrade class shall be established on the basis of the averageand not the maximum number of students and the compensation shall be determined accordingly.

If the averages applicable to the grades of the students in a multigrade class are different, the lowest average applies to that class.

**Preschool**

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

Note: In economically disadvantaged areas Appendix XXII applies.

Asbestos-Danville-Shipton Elementary School

Pope Memorial Elementary School

Sawyerville Elementary School

Sunnyside Elementary School

Waterloo Elementary School

**APPENDIX XXV**

**SPECIAL MEASURES CONCERNING MULTIGRADE CLASSES**

Every year, the Ministère shall allocate $1.5Mfor the 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years as a supplementary measure designed to provide support to teachers assigned to multigrade classes.

The amounts allocated to each board are intended for teachers working with multigrade 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 prescribed in Chapter 7-0.00 or by another committee agreed upon between the board and the union.