

**Instruction****Pre-Kindergarten Class Size**

Pre-kindergarten class sized for groups that integrate Head Start students will demonstrate compliance with Head Start Federal Performance Standard 1306.32. This standard describes that class size for three and four year old children should not exceed 17 for double sessions with a certified teacher and qualified staff person. This only refers to pre-kindergarten classes that have Head Start students in them.

All other pre-kindergarten class sizes will be consistent with the NAEYC Academy standards; that is, class sizes will neither exceed child-teacher ratios as recommended by NAEYC, nor exceed requirements for a minimum of 35 square feet of usable space per child for indoor instructional areas.

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