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## [CE SBAC] Classroom sizes

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Dear SBAC Committee,

Attached, please find classroom size guidelines from around New England for your reference. While the proposals currently being considered are still in the concept phase and have not yet been designed, I believe you'll find this background information helpful.

I also wanted to thank you for organizing [the webinar you hosted with the Maine Department of Education](#) on February 26, 2024. It was very insightful into the process for sizing school construction projects. I'll summarize a few key points here:

- There's a difference between what you design a school for and what the full capacity is, the state would very rarely size a new school based on having the classrooms at full capacity on opening day. *"We might have 16, 18, 14, or whatever, but ultimately you could put 24 students in certain grades (at maximum capacity)."*
- The state standards are guidelines that have flexibility.
- The Maine DoE has hired Harriman to help update their building standards because they are outdated, especially since COVID, particularly with respect to health offices, kitchens, and storage.

Thank you for all the time you've spent in meetings and listening to residents.

- Nicole Boucher  
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