

# Class Size

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# The Constitutional Amendment Limits Class Sizes

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- Section 1 of Article IX of the State Constitution was amended in November 2002 establishing, by the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, the maximum number of students in core-curricula courses assigned to a teacher in each of the following three grade groups:
  - 18 students in Prekindergarten through Grade 3.
  - 22 students in Grades 4 through 8
  - 25 students in Grades 9 through 12



Section 1003.03(2), Florida Statutes,  
Schedule for Implementation of Compliance with the  
Constitutional Amendment

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Level at Which Compliance Will Be Measured

For All Grade Groups by Year

School Year	Compliance Measured at
2003-04 to 2005-06	District-Level
2006-07 & 2007-08	School-Level
2008-09 & After	Classroom-Level



# 2006 Legislation – HB 7087

## Team-Teaching Strategies

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- Teaching strategies implemented on or after July 1, 2005, may be implemented subject to the following restrictions:
  - **1. Reasonable limits shall be placed on the number of students in a classroom so that classrooms are not overcrowded. Teacher-to-student ratios within a curriculum area or grade level must not exceed constitutional limits.**
  - **2. At least one member of the team must have at least 3 years of teaching experience.**
  - **3. At least one member of the team must be teaching in-field.**
  - **4. The teachers must be trained in team-teaching methods within 1 year after assignment.**

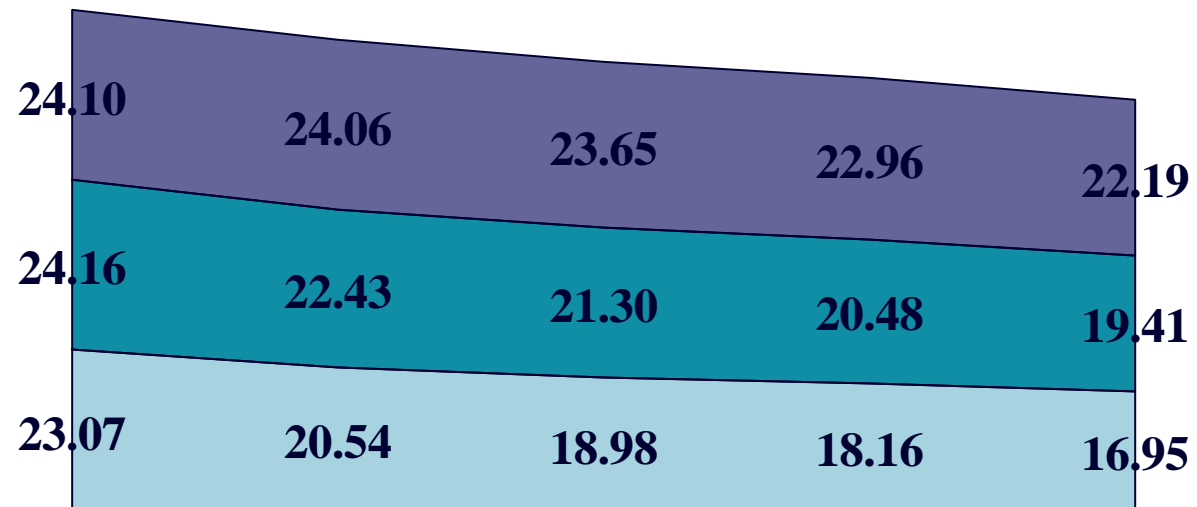


# Team-Teaching

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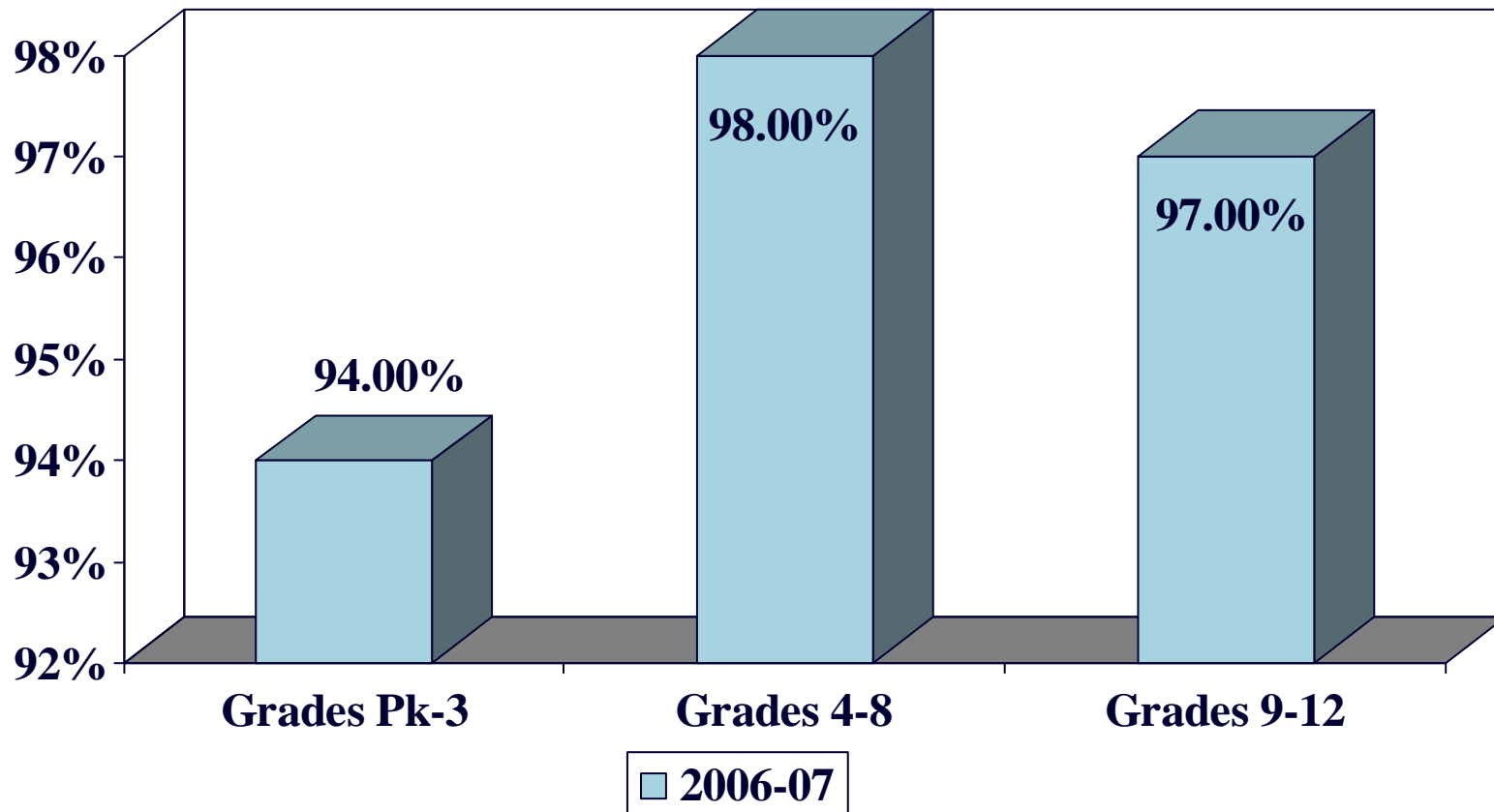
- Team Teaching is an umbrella term and includes
  - Co-teaching
  - Inclusion, i.e., In class one-on-one

# Trends in Class Size Reduction



	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
■ Grades 9-12	24.10	24.06	23.65	22.96	22.19
■ Grades 4-8	24.16	22.43	21.30	20.48	19.41
■ Grades PK-3	23.07	20.54	18.98	18.16	16.95

# Traditional Schools in Compliance (Reduce by Two or Meet Caps)



# Percent of Traditional Classrooms over Class Size Cap

