Utah’s Student-Teacher Ratio and Class Size, School Year 2015-16

**Student-Teacher Ratio**

Student-teacher ratios are calculated by taking the total number of students enrolled and dividing by the total number of teachers. Over the past five school years, the student-teacher ratio for Utah public schools has remained around 22 students for every 1 teacher (22:1). This is higher than the national average of 16:1.

**Class Size**

Class size estimates differ from student-teacher ratios in that they are based on actual counts of students in classrooms. Nontraditional classes (such as online, special education, youth in custody, or limited English proficiency classes) are not included in these calculations.

For school year 2015-16, Utah’s average class size was 25 for elementary schools and 29 for secondary. Charter and district schools had the same average class size for elementary schools, 25 students, though charter schools tended to have smaller class sizes in secondary schools with an average class size of 22.

For secondary schools science classes were the largest with an average class size of 30 students, followed by English courses with an average of 29 students, and math courses with 28.

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2 Board Rule R277-463.

3 Elementary included grades K-6, and secondary included grades 7-12. Secondary estimates included only the core courses of English, Math, and Science.

4 Graph shows the math or science course that is most commonly taken by students in that grade. For math 9th grade corresponds with Secondary Math I, 10th grade with Secondary Math II, and 11th with Secondary Math III. For science this is Biology in 9th, Chemistry in 10th, and Physics in 11th.