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Subject: Answer to Mr. Rockwell's CSR Question

Item 6.1

It looks like the average size of our 3rd grade classes is 22.3 students. Is that OK?

Dear Kurt,

The K-3 Application Instructions provided by the California Department of Education outlines specific guidelines to account for combination classes.

Combination classes are counted once in column 2 on the application in priority order. Priority order is: First grade, second grade, and K and third grade as lower priority.

For our 2/3 combo classes, 2nd grade is the priority class so we count our 2/3 combination classes as a 2nd grade class. This is why we have "more" 2nd grade classes and "fewer" 3rd grade classes listed in column 2.

Students in a combination class are counted in the grade level in which they are actually assigned. This causes the ratio to be above the approved limit for 3rd grade. This is a provision provided by CDE so that districts are not penalized for having combination classes. Districts receive its allocation based on the number of pupils at each grade level.

The 22.3 is a function of the combination courses on paper only. The final funding is the only one that counts and that is reported at P2.

Thank you for asking.

Jody