

Instructional Load
Elementary School
MAUC Policy 4250:07

Instructional personnel will be assigned responsibilities based on professional preparation, experience, personal qualifications, and needs of the school.

A student unit (SU) is a value assigned to each student in the classroom. A teaching load is based on a maximum number of units as specified per classroom, depending upon the number of grades that are involved. The maximum total SUs is determined by multiplying the SU by the respective number of students.

The SU for each grade level is:

Grade	SU
K	1.75
1 – 2	1.5
3 – 8	1
IEP or ELL*	2.5

**As identified by Conference Guidelines*

Consideration of a teacher load should be given when a classroom has English Language Learners (ELL) and/or special needs students. The physical size of the classroom should also be considered when assigning a teacher load, i.e. 33 square feet per student.

If a teacher's assignment exceeds the maximum as outlined below, assistance shall be given either by a part-time certificated teacher or by a teacher assistant.

No. of Grades	Grade Level	SU	Max. SU's	Max. Students*
5 or 6 Grades	3 rd - 8 th	1	15	15
5 or 6 Grades	1 st - 8 th	1.5 & 1	15	<15 <i>Depends on combination</i>
3 or 4 Grades	3 rd - 8 th	1	25	25
3 or 4 Grades	1 st - 8 th	1.5 & 1	25	<25 <i>Depends on combination</i>
2 Grades	3 rd - 8 th	1	28	28
2 Grades	1 st - 2 nd	1.5	28	19
1 Grade	3 rd - 8 th	1	30	30
1 Grade	1 st - 2 nd	1.5	30	20
1 Grade	Kindergarten	1.75	35	20

**This table is not taking into consideration IEP or ELL students who may be*

The maximum number of grades in a single teacher classroom is six grades.

Any variation of the above must be approved by the local Conference Office of Education.

Note: Please see MAUC Education Code 4250:07 for more details