

# UFT Analysis of Proposal to Set New Classroom Capacity Limits

	Current Law	Latest Proposal	Classroom Capacity		
			500 sq ft classroom (small)	650 sq ft classroom (average)	750 sq ft classroom (large)
3K and Pre-K	Not in Current NYC Law	<b>35 sq ft per student</b>	14 students per class	18 students per class	21 students per class
Kindergarten	35 sq ft per student	<b>35 sq ft per student</b>	14 students per class	18 students per class	21 students per class
Grades 1 to 8	20 sq ft per student	<b>32.5 sq ft per student</b>	15 students per class	20 students per class	23 students per class
Grades 9 to 12	20 sq ft per student	<b>28 sq ft per student</b>	17 students per class	23 students per class	26 students per class
Phase-in Period		<b>5-year phase in period: All Schools must be compliant by Sept. 1, 2026</b>			

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- **Schools out of compliance<sup>1</sup> : 259 or 16 percent of schools** would be out of compliance given 2020-2021 enrollment numbers
- **Number of Additional Seats Needed<sup>2</sup> :** There would be a shortage of space for about **37,700 students** across the 259 schools.

**Methodology:** This analysis uses the same methodology as the IBO<sup>3</sup>, which divided the square footage of each regular classroom and specialty instruction room reported in the Principal Annual Space Survey (PASS) by 35 square feet. However, instead of dividing by 35, the classroom square footage is divided by 35, 32.5 and 28 depending on grade allocation. The updated analysis also uses 2020-21 enrollment numbers instead of 2019-20.

<sup>1</sup> This number is based on each school's ability to accommodate the square footage requirements under the proposal to set new classroom capacity limits.

<sup>2</sup> This is how many additional seats are needed based on the schools that are not able to accommodate the square footage requirements under the proposal to set new classroom capacity limits.

<sup>3</sup> Link to IBO analysis: <https://ibo.nyc.ny.us/iboreports/education-committee-testimony-academic-recovery-space-usage-in-city-schools.pdf>