

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Proposed Kindergarten 100-Minute Model

Q & A

Q.	What is the Kindergarten 100-Minute Model?
A.	A kindergarten day is 200 minutes long. The 100-Minute Model establishes class size at 33 students to 1 teacher for 100 minutes of the day. For the second 100 minutes a second teacher is in the classroom during the mathematics and reading portion of instruction. During the second half of the class the student to teacher ratio is 16 to 17 students to one teacher.
Q.	What is the history of the Kindergarten 100-Minute Model?
A.	EGUSD implemented a partial 100-minute model for kindergarten in 1998/1999 at all elementary sites. The intent was to provide smaller student groupings with a focus on improved reading and math instruction. The 100-minute model was in place for three years. In 2001/2002, EGUSD implemented 20:1 class size reduction (CSR) in kindergarten.
Q.	Why is kindergarten CSR being considered for reduction rather than other grade levels?
A.	The State supports class size reduction at grades K-3. The State requires implementation of CSR in Grade 1 and Grade 2 first. The State then gives the option of including Kindergarten or Grade 3, or both. EGUSD chose Grade 3 first and then kindergarten. Therefore, we implemented CSR in this order: Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3, and finally Kindergarten. Since Kindergarten was the last grade level implemented, state regulations mandate that it has to be the first grade level considered for elimination when a district decides to no longer fully participate in the CSR program.
Q.	How does the Kindergarten 100-Minute Model affect funding?
A.	Kindergarten is the only grade level that the state will continue to fund at 50 percent with an alternative model of class size reduction. The State will continue to fund 50% of the cost of partial CSR with the 100-minute model.
Q.	How does the kindergarten model support partial class size reduction?
A.	The Kindergarten 100-Minute Model (partial class-size reduction) requires that half a student's day is in a 20 or less student grouping.

Q.	What would a sample kindergarten schedule look like?
A.	<p><u>AM Kindergarten Students</u> 7:45 School begins 7:45–9:25 Assigned classroom teacher with 33 students 9:25-11:05 Assigned classroom teacher and a 100 minute teacher assisting with groups of 16/17 students</p> <p><u>PM Kindergarten Students</u> 11:15 School begins 11:15 -12:55 Assigned classroom teacher with 33 students 12:55 – 2:35 Assigned classroom teacher and a 100 minute teacher assisting with groups of 16/17 students</p>

	Current CSR Model 20:1	Proposed Modified CSR Model 33:1
Length of class time per day	200 minutes	200 minutes
Teacher Assignments	1 Teacher at 100 minutes with 20 students 2 Teachers at 100 minutes with 10/10 students	1 Teacher at 100 minutes with 33 students; then 2 Teachers at 100 minutes with 16/17 students
Grouping of Students	20 students for 100 minutes Groups of 10/10 for 100 minutes	33 students for 100 minutes Groups of 16/17 students for 100 minutes
Curricular Focus	Subject focus will be on reading and mathematics with groups and whole class	During 100 minutes the core focus will be on reading and mathematics with groups of 16/17 students; Other subject areas with 33 students

If you have other questions about the 100-minute model, please email communication@egusd.net.