

**INFORMATION CIRCULAR NO. 514**  
Office of School Site Support

**SAN DIEGO CITY SCHOOLS**

**Date:** June 16, 2005

**To:** Principals of Schools with Ninth Grade

**Subject:** Grade 9 Class Size Reduction Incentive Program

**Department and/or  
Persons Concerned:** Principals of Schools with Ninth Grade

**Reference:** California Department of Education's Grade 9  
Class Size Reduction Program

**Brief Explanation:**

The purpose of this circular is to alert principals of the availability of partial state funding to reduce class size in designated ninth grade classes.

*Background*

The California Department of Education's Grade 9 Class Size Reduction program currently provides an incentive payment to districts for maintaining class sizes at 20:1 or less in core English and math courses. Since this payment does not cover the entire cost of reducing class size, schools must contribute additional dollars to achieve the required student:teacher ratios. In the past, our district provided sufficient additional resources to schools to fund reduced class size at ninth grade. In recent years, declining district resources have resulted in decreased support to the secondary schools for class size reduction.

*New School-Based Incentive Program*

For 2005-06, schools that elect to participate will continue to fund the entire cost of the class size reduction at ninth grade. **However, the district will "pass through" the per student amount received by the state, currently estimated at \$192/student, to schools based on enrollment in qualifying classes.** Each school site's 00000-AU resource will be credited at the beginning of the following school year, in September, for the previous year's qualifying students. To qualify, a school must meet the following requirements:

- Maintain an average enrollment of 20.44 or less, school-wide, for designated classes as measured from the beginning of the school year through June 21, 2006. Individual classes may reach 22, but the overall average for the course must be 20.44.
- The order of implementation must be English classes and then math classes. Schools may not claim enrollment in math classes that exceed the enrollment in English classes.

*Eligible Courses*

Following are the only courses that are eligible for the Grade 9 Class Size Reduction Program:

<b>English Courses</b>		<b>Mathematics Courses</b>	
1540, 1541	English 1, 2 (P)	4025-4026	Algebra Explorations 9 <sup>th</sup> BL
1540, 1541C	English 1, 2 CI (P)	4025-	Algebra Explorations 9 <sup>th</sup> B
1540, 1541L	English 1, 2 Br (P)	4025-	Algebra Explorations 9 <sup>th</sup> SH
1540, 1541S	English 1, 2 Sm (P)	4032-4033	Algebra Explorations 1-2
1540, 1540R	English 1, 2	4032-	Algebra Explorations 1-2 BL
1545, 1546	Accel Lit Core 1, 2	4032-	Algebra Explorations 1-2 SH
1545, 1546L	ELD Accel Lit Core, 1, 2		
1552, 1553	English 1, 2 Block		
1552, 1553L	ELD English 1, 2 Block		
1552, 1553G	English 1, 2 Block		
1621, 1622	ESL 1, 2 Lit Block 9th		
1623, 1624	ESL 3, 4 Lit Block 9th		
1625, 1626	ESL 5, 6 Lit Block 9th		
1682, 1683	Advancement Academy English 1,2*		
ESL Lit Core	ESL Lit Core 9		

*\*Pending state approval.*

If you have questions about which classes and/or sections qualify, please contact Dee Slieff at (619) 725-7576.

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