

# KNOW MORE

## ...about class size

Premier Ford and Minister of Education Stephen Lecce plan to increase class size averages:

- By one student per class in Grades 4 to 8
- By six students per class in Grades 9 to 12

**The government says the increases are no big deal, and might even be good for students.**

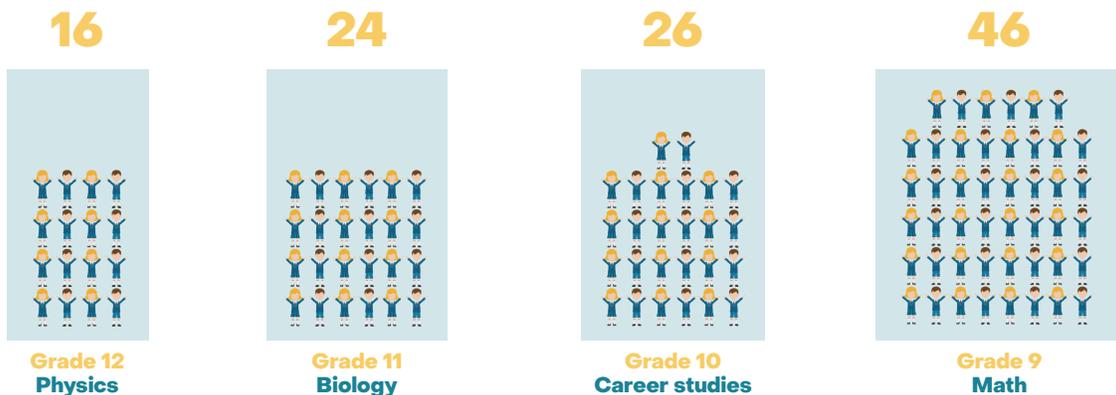
**What do teachers and other experts say?**

Course and program options for students will be reduced significantly, because thousands of teaching positions will be eliminated.

- Some classes must be kept small for safety reasons, practical considerations, or because they deal with specialized subject matter.
- If school boards no longer have enough funding or teachers for these courses, they will be lost.

**Some classes will grow to 40 students or more.**

- Because smaller classes are required in some areas, other classes will have to grow substantially in order to maintain averages.
- This will include subjects such as math, a supposed priority for the government.



**Teachers will be less able to ensure safe learning conditions or provide individual attention to students.**

- Research shows that smaller classes allow teachers and students to develop better, more productive relationships.
- With larger class sizes, students who need extra support might not get the help they need.

**The government is engaging in a race to the bottom.**

- Ontario is world-renowned for our student achievement and our commitment to equity. Smaller class sizes have helped us reach these goals.
- Rather than going backward, we should be continuing to build on our success.

**Want to know more about why class size matters?**

Visit [catholicteachers.ca/Where-We-Stand](https://catholicteachers.ca/Where-We-Stand) to find academic research and perspectives from teachers.

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