

**INFORMATION CIRCULAR NO. 500**  
Office of School Site Support

**SAN DIEGO CITY SCHOOLS**

**Date:** July 19, 2005

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

**Subject:** **REVISED: 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 and Information Circular 514, dated June 16, 2005

**Brief Explanation:**

An Information Circular regarding the availability of partial state funding to reduce class size in designated ninth grade classes was posted on June 16, 2005. *The course listing shown on page 2 of the circular was incorrect.* The purpose of this circular is to provide principals with the correct course listing (see page 2). The remainder of the information in the revised circular is unchanged.

*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 qualifying core English and mathematics 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 in designated courses 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 mathematics classes. Schools may not claim enrollment in mathematics classes that exceed the enrollment in English classes.

*Eligible Courses – REVISED LISTING*

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

**GRADE 9 ENGLISH COURSES**

Course Title	Course Number
English 1,2	1540, 1541
English 1,2	1540G, 1541G (Special Education Mainstream)
English 1,2 Cluster	1540C, 1541C
English 1,2 Seminar	1540S, 1541S
ELD English 1,2	1540L, 1541L
English 1,2 Block*	1552, 1553
English 1,2 Block*	1552G, 1553G (Special Education Mainstream)
ELD English 1,2 Block*	1552L, 1553L
ESL 1,2 Literacy 9 <sup>th</sup> Block*	1621, 1622
ESL 3,4 Literacy 9 <sup>th</sup> Block*	1623, 1624
ESL 5,6 Literacy 9 <sup>th</sup> Block*	1625, 1626
ESL Literacy 9 <sup>th</sup> Core Newcomer	1661

\*Note: Only the first period of a block class earns Class Size Reduction dollars.

**GRADE 9 MATHEMATICS COURSES**

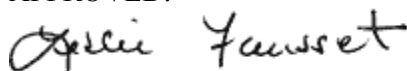
Course Title	Course Number
Algebra Exploration 9 <sup>th</sup> 1–2	4032, 4033
Algebra Exploration 9 <sup>th</sup> 1–2	4032G, 4033G (Special Education Mainstream)
Algebra Exploration 9 <sup>th</sup> 1–2 Bilingual	4032B, 4033B
Algebra Exploration 9 <sup>th</sup> 1–2 Sheltered	4032L, 4033L
Algebra Exploration 9 <sup>th</sup> 1–2 Block*	4025, 4026
Algebra Exploration 9 <sup>th</sup> 1–2 Block*	4025G, 4026G (Special Education Mainstream)
Algebra Exploration 9 <sup>th</sup> 1–2 Block Bilingual*	4025B, 4026B
Algebra Exploration 9 <sup>th</sup> 1–2 Block Sheltered*	4025L, 4026L
Interactive Math—Year 1 1–2	4105, 4106
Interactive Math—Year 1 1–2 Sheltered	4105L, 4106L

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If you have questions about which classes and/or sections qualify, please contact Karen Bachofer at (619) 725-7167. Questions regarding funding should be referred to Dee Slieff at (619) 725-7576.

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