

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Enikia Ford Morthel, Superintendent
DATE: October 15, 2025
SUBJECT: School Class Size Report

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Since 1987, Berkeley Schools Excellence Program (BSEP), a community response to state and federal education funding shortages, has financed lower class sizes at all Berkeley public schools. In 2025, the passage of BSEP Measure H reaffirmed the community's commitment to smaller class sizes by allocating additional funds to continue maintaining a lower student-to-teacher class size ratio. Currently, BSEP funds approximately 32% of classroom teachers in Berkeley schools.

The 2025-26 school year is the first year of the full implementation of Measure H, which stipulates that the class size goal in grades K-5 is a school-wide average of 23:1. For middle and high school students, the class size goal is 28:1. We are attaching a PowerPoint presentation to this report where we present a detailed presentation about the class sizes in the district.

In 2025-26, the state TK class size is a 10:1 student to teacher ratio or 20 students per two adult educators. BUSD has been at this ratio since the 2022-23 school year when BUSD and BFT negotiated TK class size of 20 students per class with one credential teacher and one instructional aide. Also beginning in the 2022-23 school year, the TK age requirements were reduced by two months each year until all 4-year olds are able to attend TK in 2025-26. As the TK age expands and to accommodate younger students, BUSD has responded by convening staff each year to identify available classrooms to house the students. Students are presently distributed throughout the District except in one school, Oxford Elementary School. We have also assigned TK students in the zone where they reside so transportation can be provided.

2025-26 Class Size Reports

The BSEP class size goals in elementary schools have been met. For K-5, all school sites have school class sizes averages below 23:1. The class size goals in middle school have also been met, with an average class size average below the 28:1 teacher ratio. The district-wide class size average in 7th and 8th grade is also below the 28:1 including electives but excluding PE.

The Berkeley High School class size average of 28:1 student to teacher ratio has been met. The overall class size average is 28.1 at Berkeley High School excluding PE. The class size average for ninth grade without the LEAP academic support elective is 27.6. Berkeley Technology Academy class size average is 10.4 students per teacher, significantly less than the 18:1 average stipulated in the Measure.

POLICY/CODE

Berkeley Schools Excellence Program, Measure H of 2024

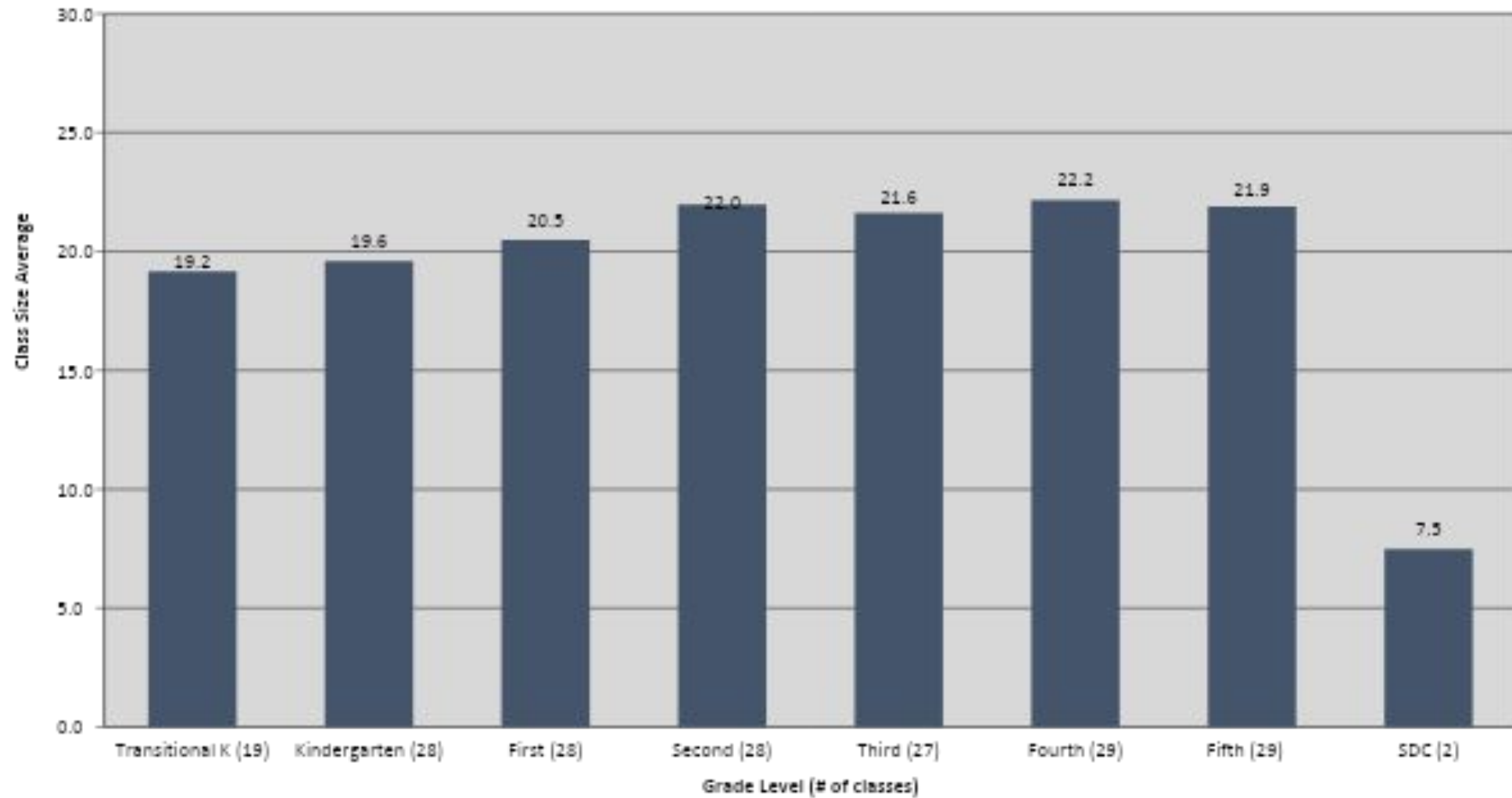
FISCAL IMPACT

\$ 19,644,600 from the Berkeley Schools Excellence Program, Measure H of 2024

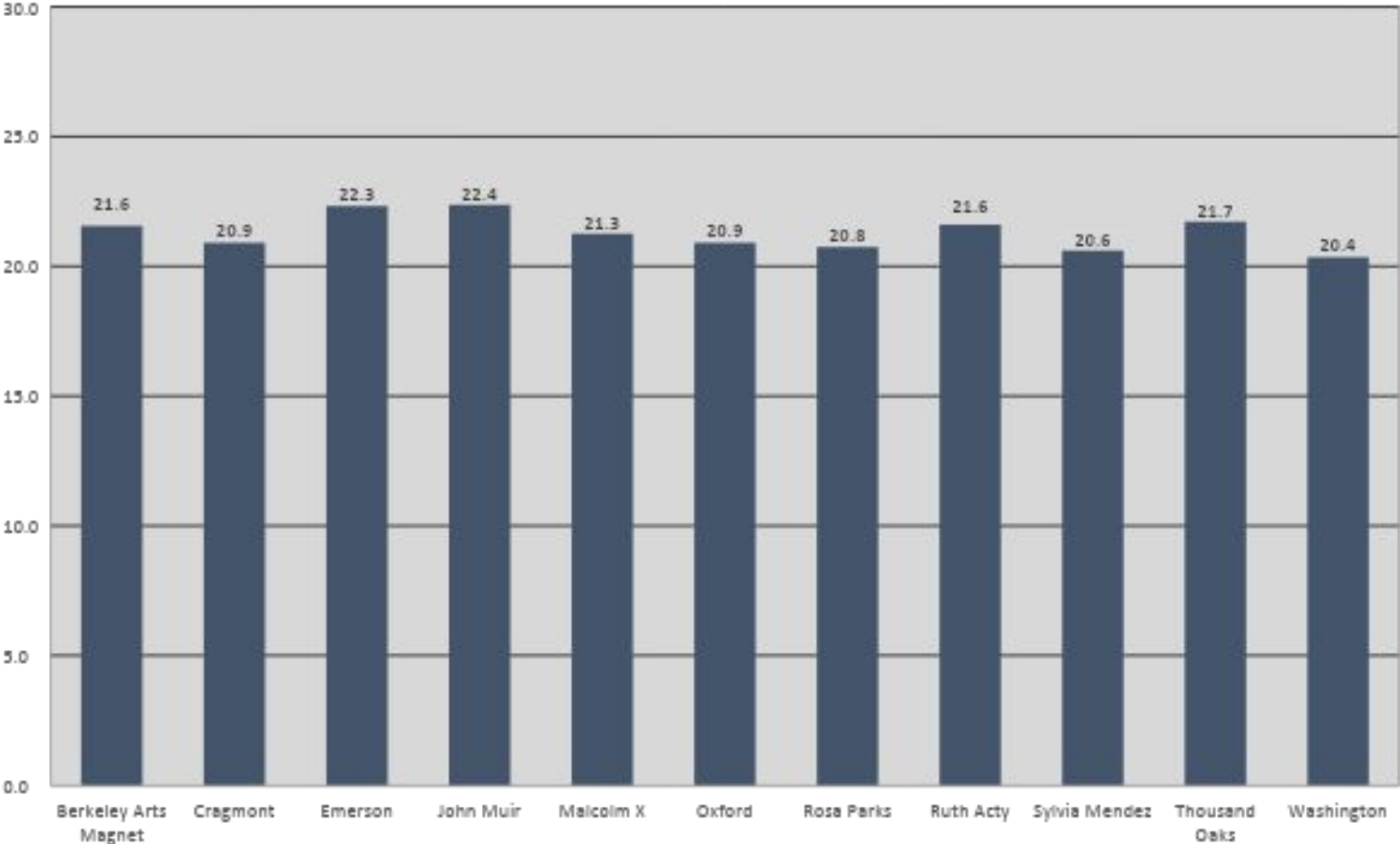
STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Receive the School Class Size Report for Information.

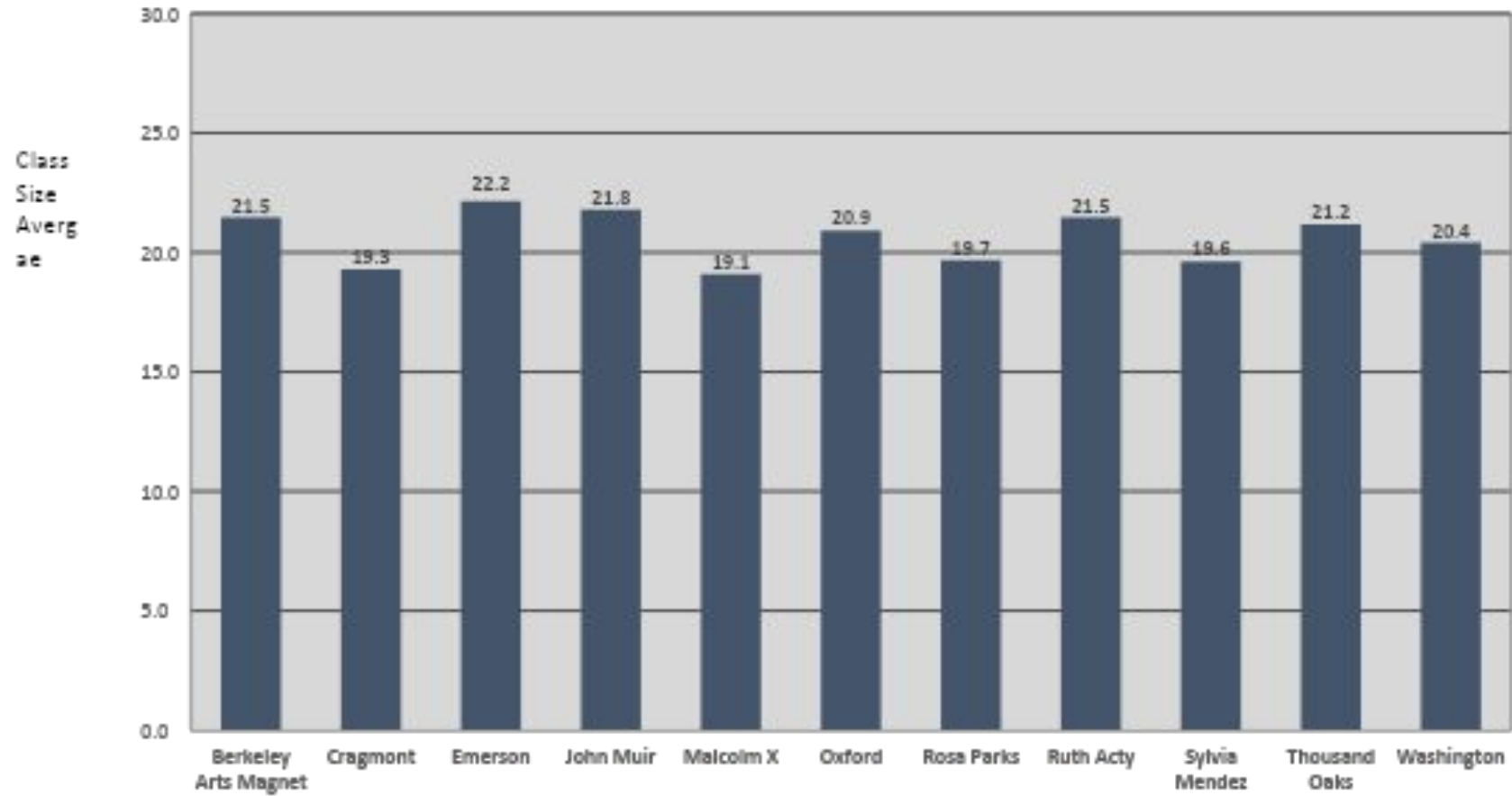
Berkeley Unified School District Elementary Class Size Average* by Grade



Class Size Average
Grades K-5

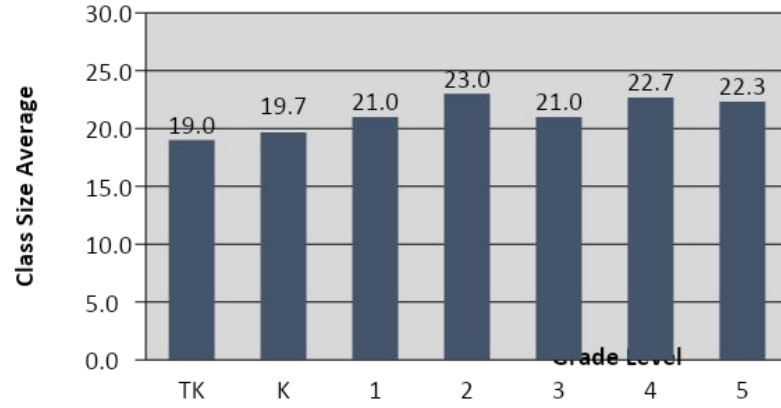


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Class Size Average Grades TK-5

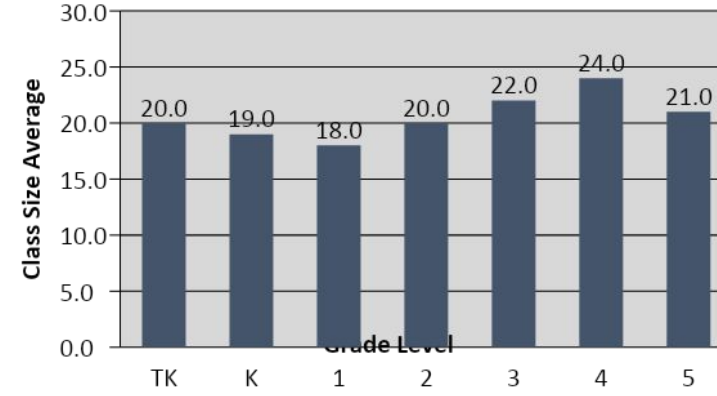


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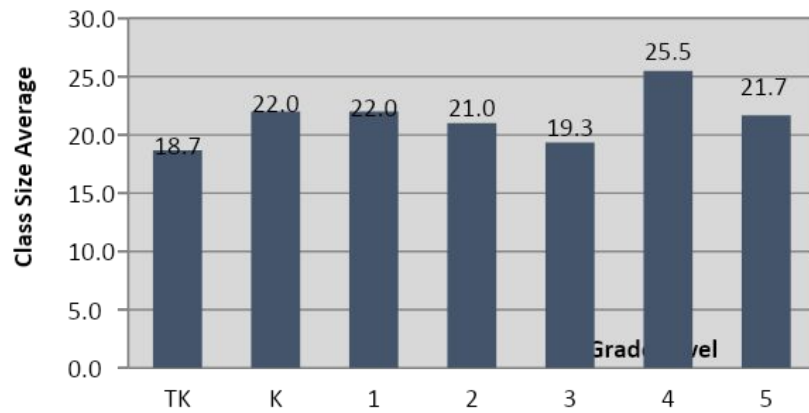
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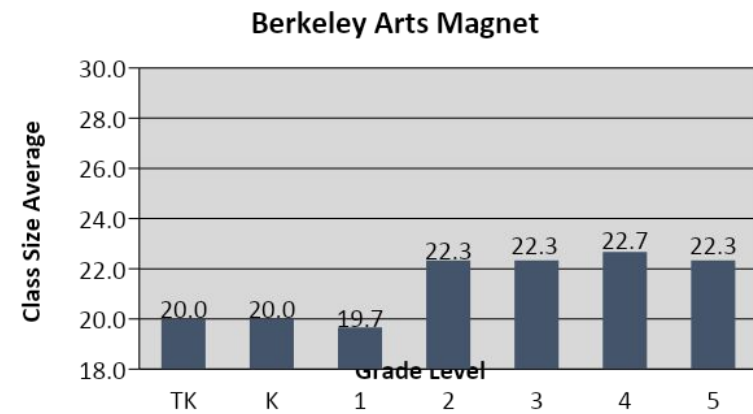
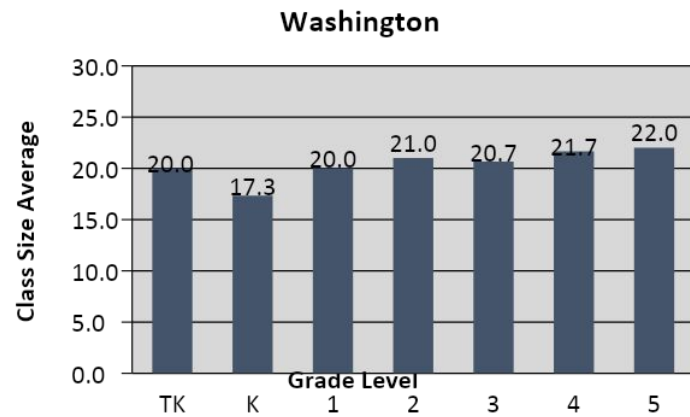
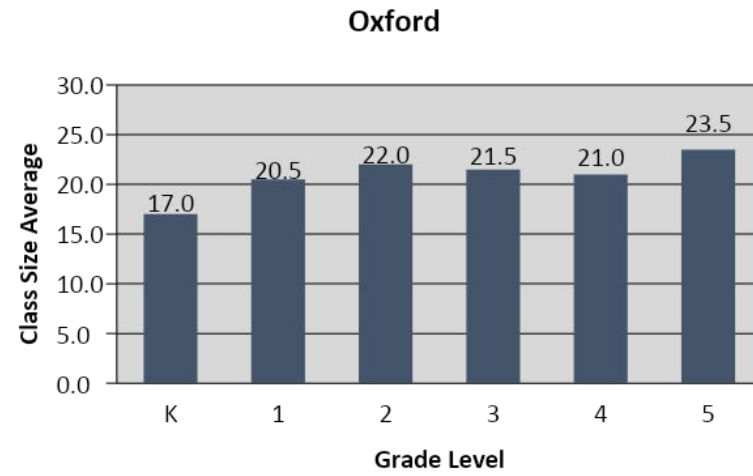
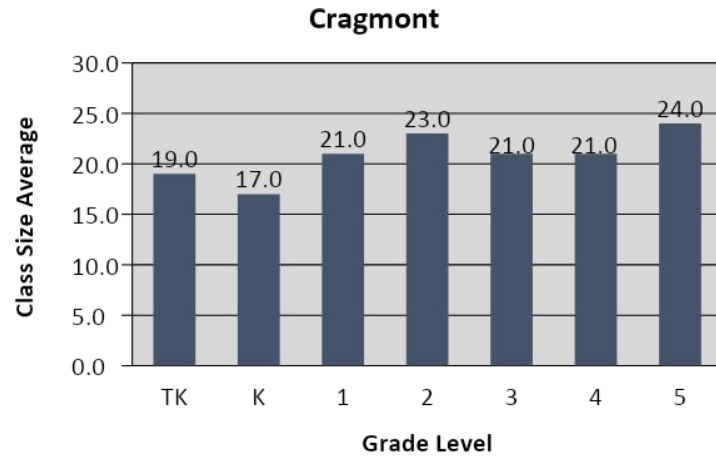
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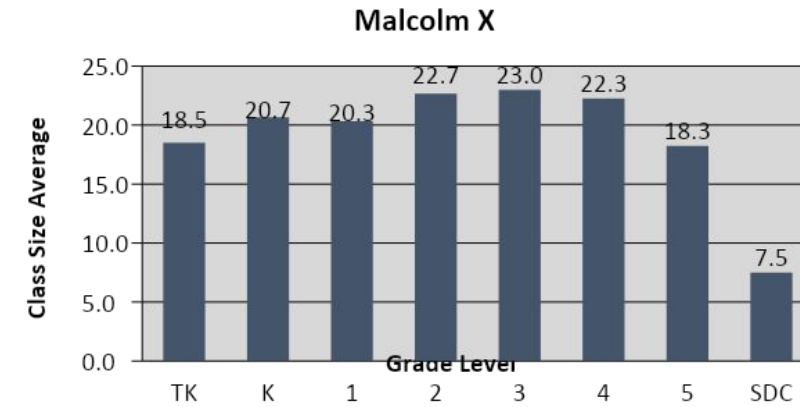
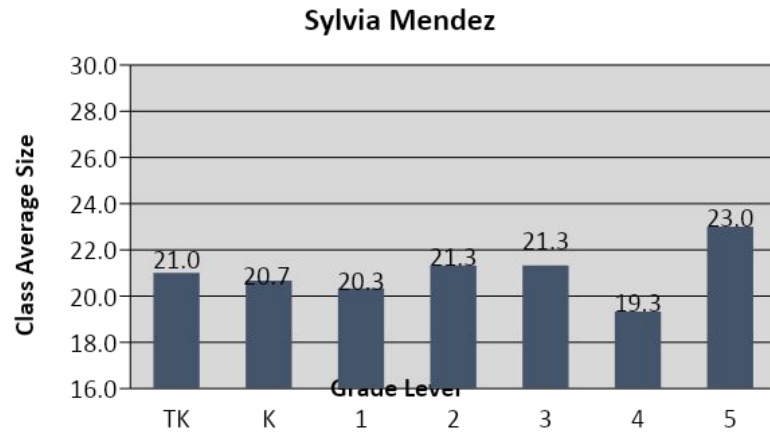
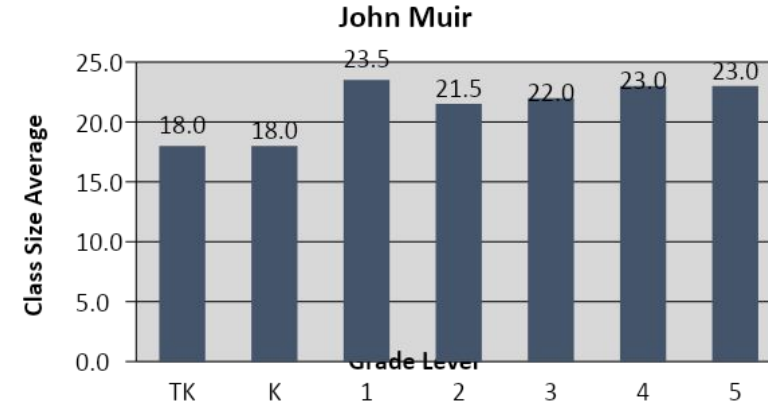
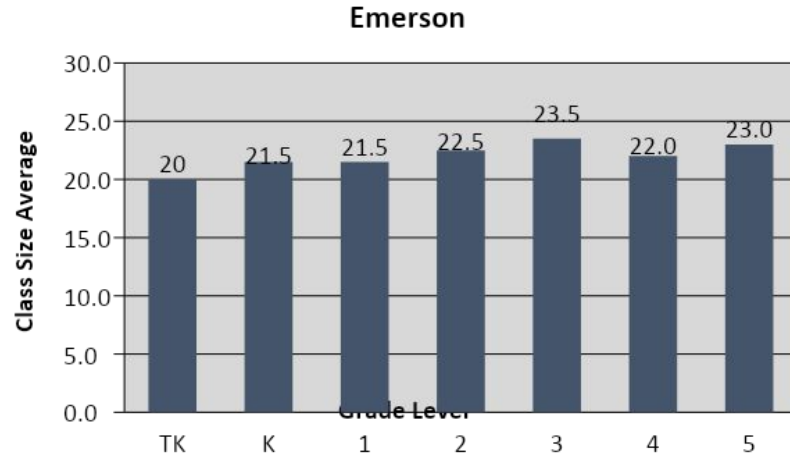
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Berkeley Unified School District Central Zone

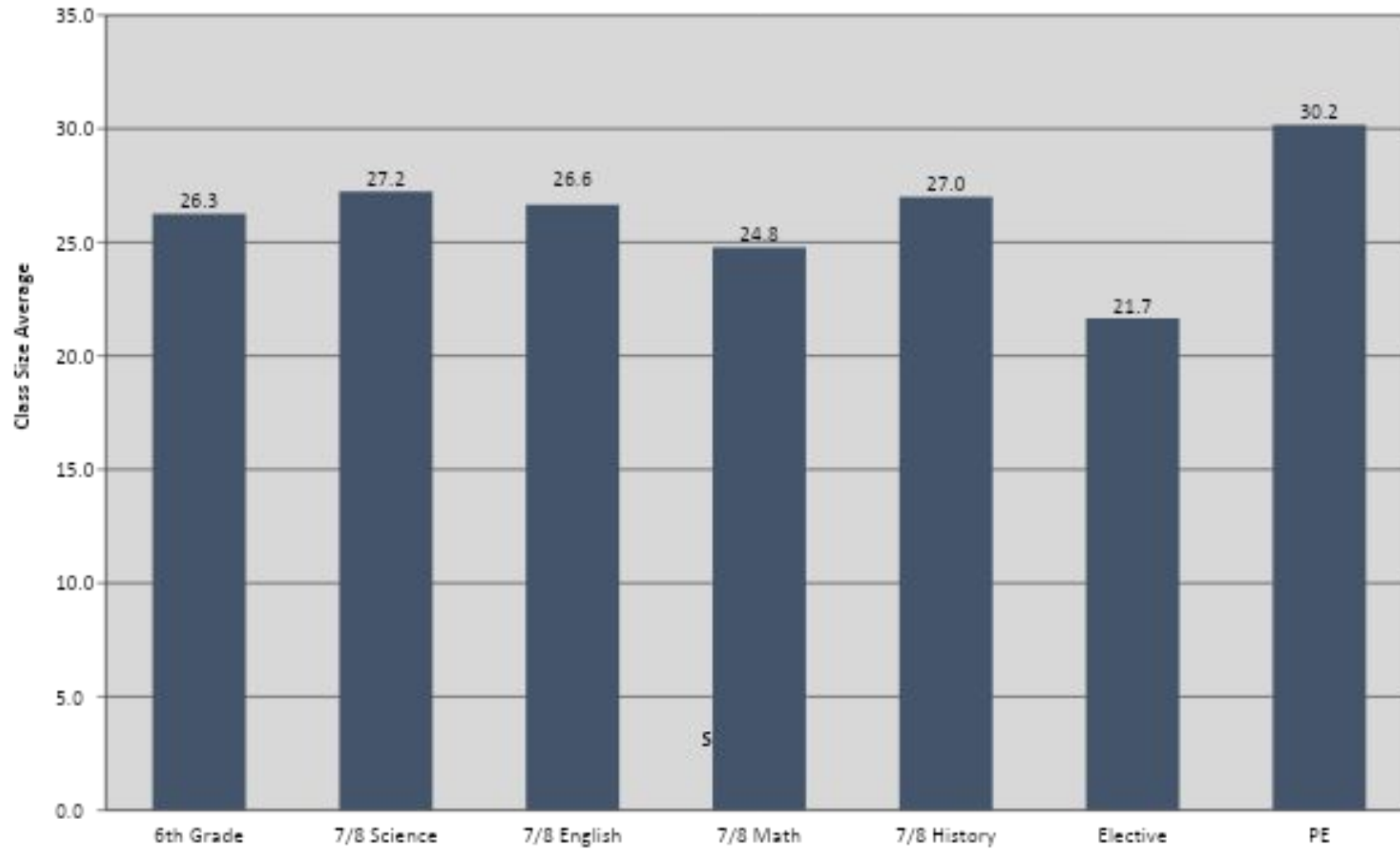


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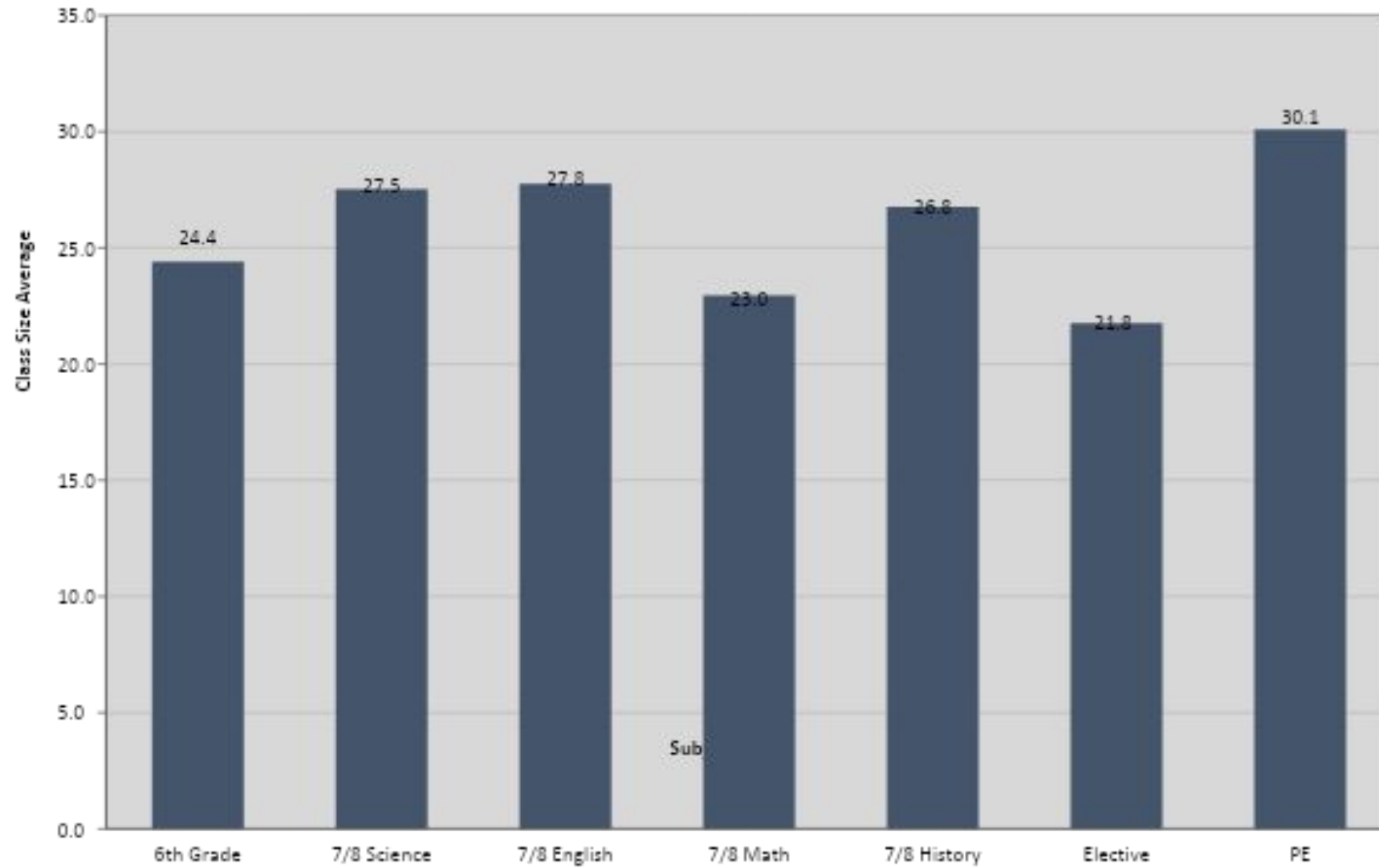
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Middle School Class Size Average by Subject



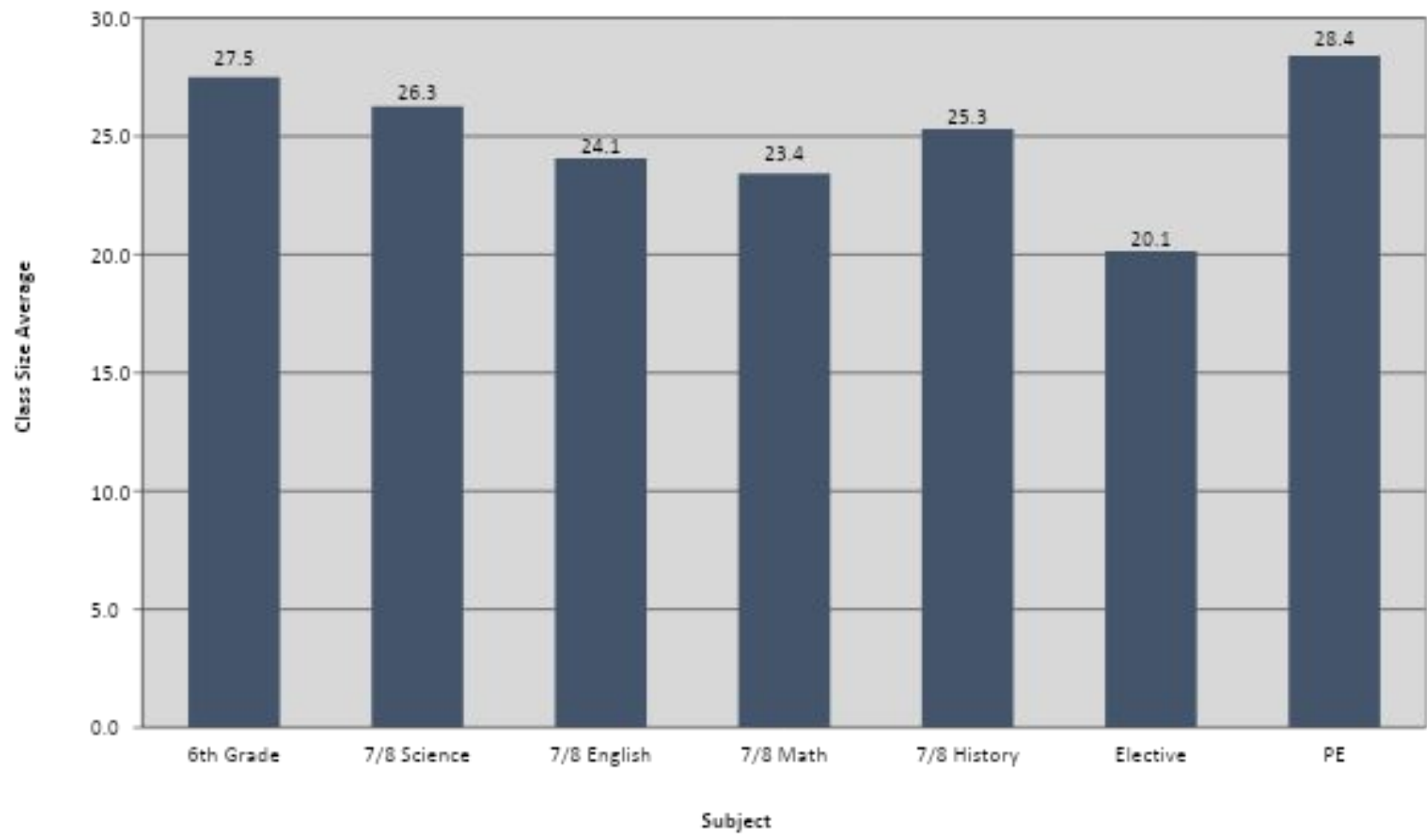
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King Middle School Class Size Average



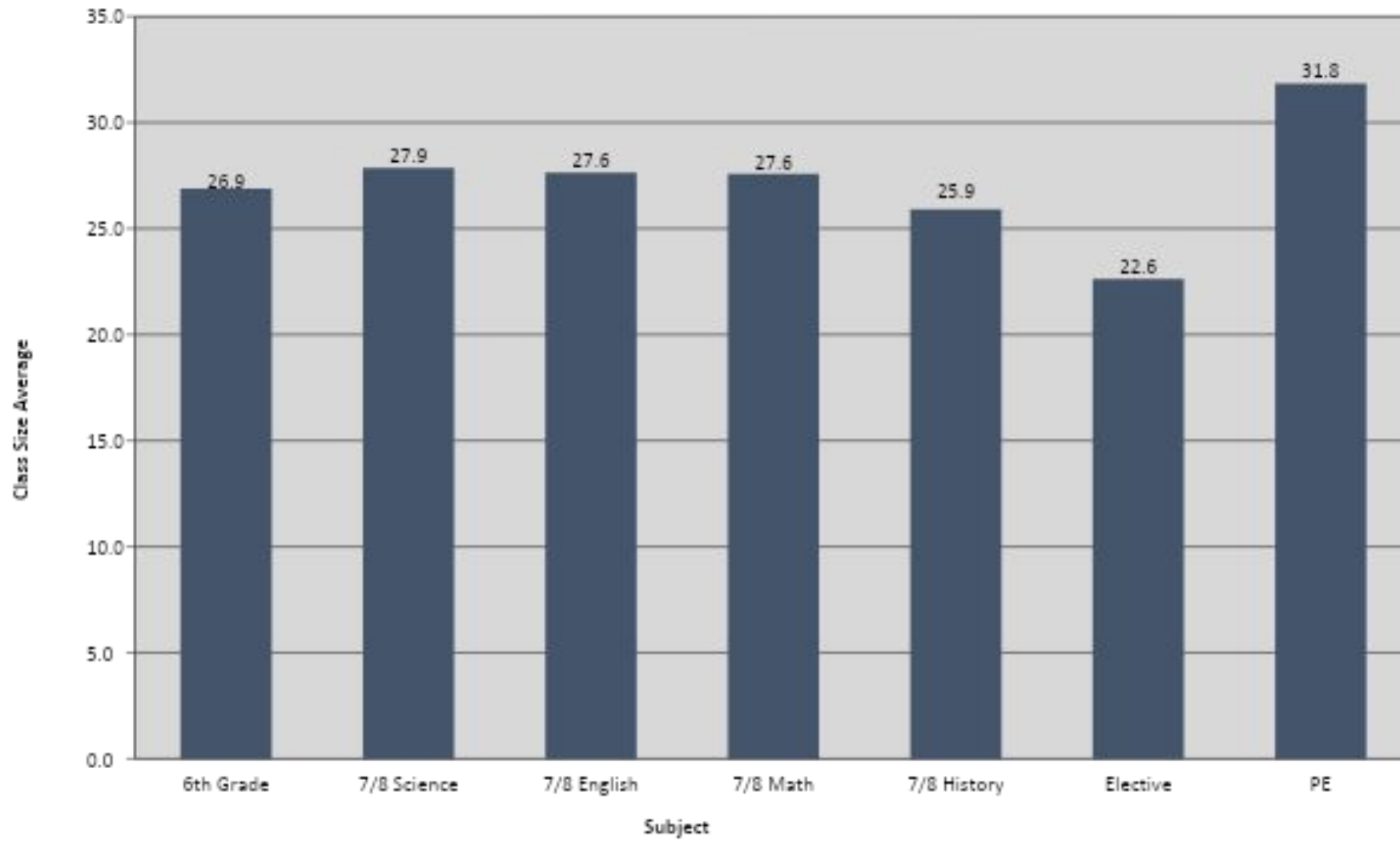
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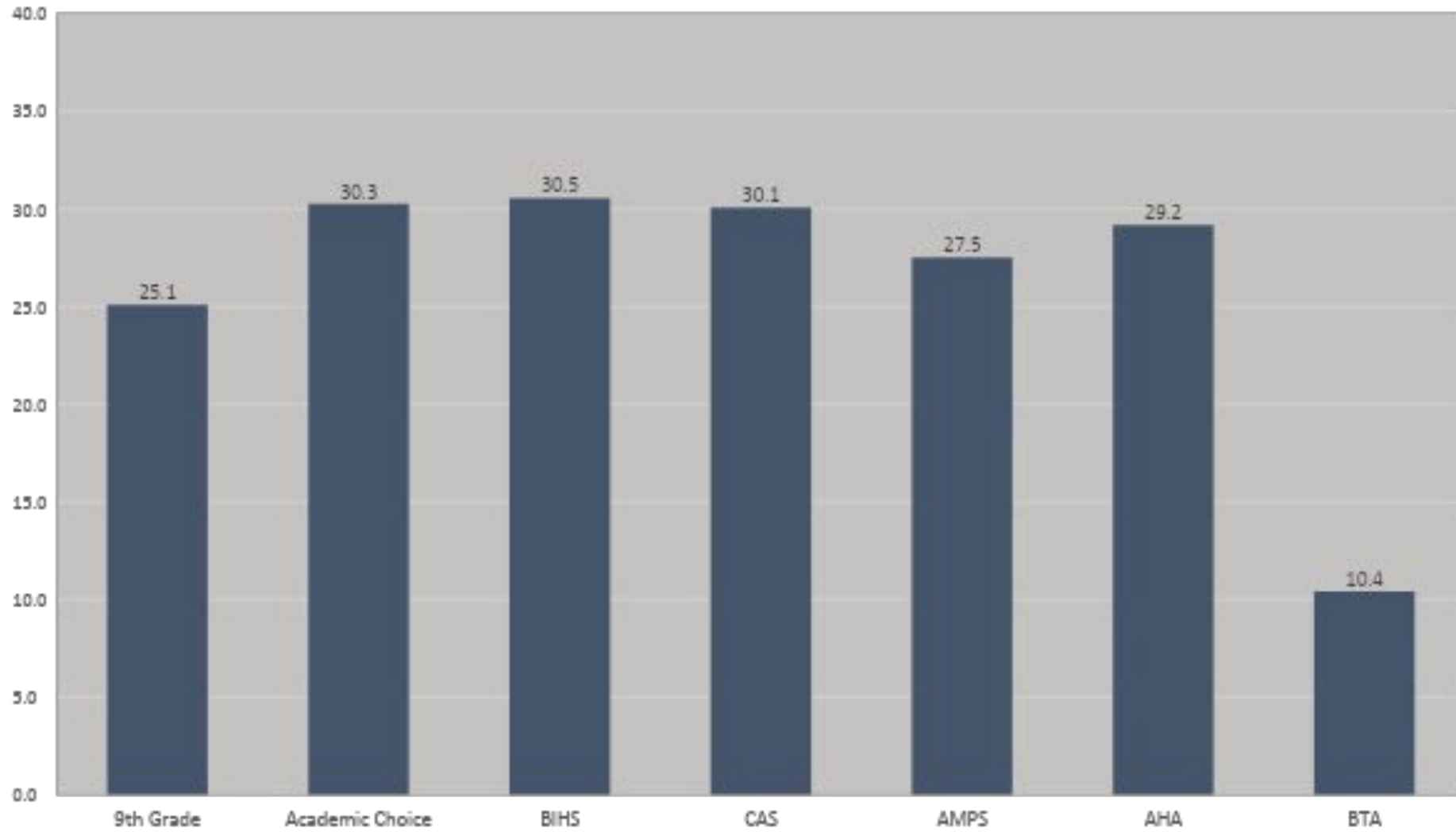


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Willard Middle School Class Size Average



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Berkeley High School Overall Average by Small Learning Communities



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Berkeley High School Overall Average by Department

