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• Reducing class sizes in early grades improves learning in all subject areas, especially for children living in poverty.
• Reducing class sizes can improve classroom behavior and give students more individualized attention. Needing less time for discipline, teachers can spend more time on instruction.
• Studies show that small classes improve teacher-student interaction and teacher morale, along with enriched learning experiences.
• Students who are in small classes in the early elementary grades are significantly more likely to graduate from high school.