

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY EDUCATION RULES GOVERNING
DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
CLASS SIZE AND TEACHING LOAD**

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1.00 REGULATORY AUTHORITY

~~1.01~~ These rules shall be known as the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing Class Size and Teaching Load.

1.021 The State Board of Education enacted these rules pursuant to its authority as set forth in Ark. Code Ann. § 6-11-105, § 6-17-812, and § 25-15-201 et seq., and Act 243 of 2018.

2.00 DEFINITIONS

2.01 "Elementary model" is the educational model consistent with instructional grouping and scheduling used in Grades Kindergarten through Four (K-4), but may include Grades Five through Six (5-6).

2.012 "Large group instruction" are those courses that accommodate larger numbers of students. The following courses are considered large group instruction:

2.012.1 Athletics, including when taken for physical education credit, and Grades 7-12 physical education;

2.012.2 Performing Arts, including, but not limited to, band, choir, and theater;

2.012.3 Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (JROTC);

2.012.4 Non-academic activity, including, but not limited to, advisory periods, study hall, and student activity periods; or

2.012.5 Other courses identified as large group instruction in the Course Code Management System.

3.00 CLASS SIZE

3.01 Subject to any exceptions in Section 3.02, each school district and open-enrollment charter school shall comply with the following class sizes:

3.01.1 For Kindergarten (K), there shall be no more than twenty (20) students per teacher in any classroom. However, the kindergarten class maximum may

be no more than twenty-two (22) with a one half-time instructional aide being employed for those classes.

3.01.2 For Grades One through Three (1-3), the average student/teacher ratio in a school district shall be no more than twenty-three (23) students per teacher in a classroom. There shall be no more than twenty-five (25) students per teacher in any classroom.

3.01.3 For Grade Four (4), the average student/teacher ratio in a school district shall be no more than twenty-five (25) students per teacher in a classroom. There shall be no more than twenty-eight (28) students per teacher in any classroom.

3.01.4 For Grades Five through Six (5-6), except for those courses that lend themselves to large group instruction, the average student/teacher ratio in a school district shall be no more than twenty-five (25) students per teacher in a classroom. There shall be no more than twenty-eight (28) students per teacher in any classroom.

3.01.5 For Grades Seven through Twelve (7-12), except for those courses that lend themselves to large group instruction, individual classes shall not exceed thirty (30) students.

3.02 Exceptions

3.02.1 Physical Education Instruction in Grades Kindergarten Through Six (K-6): Physical education classes will have a maximum student to adult ratio of thirty to one (30:1). Non-licensed personnel may assist in filling the thirty to one (30:1) student to adult ratio requirement if they are trained and assigned to assist licensed personnel in supervising physical education classes.

4.00 TEACHING LOAD

4.01 Except when a teacher teaches a course that lends itself to large group instruction, the maximum number of students in Grades Five through Twelve (5-12) a teacher ~~in Grades Five through Twelve (5-12)~~ is permitted to teach without receiving additional compensation shall not exceed one hundred fifty (150) students per day.

4.02 For purposes of Section 4.01, the teaching load shall be calculated by counting the number of students in each Five through Twelve (5-12) course and section except for those teachers teaching students in Grades Five and Six (5-6) who are teaching all or most subjects in a self-contained an elementary model.

4.03 Additional compensation shall be determined in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-812.

4.03.1 School districts shall adopt a policy to implement Section 4.03.

4.04 This Section does not apply to a public school that operates primarily as a virtual school.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1890

5 By: Representative Della Rosa
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO
9 ESTABLISH IN THE STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION OF
10 ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS THE
11 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS THAT A TEACHER IN GRADES
12 FIVE THROUGH TWELVE (5-12) IS PERMITTED TO TEACH PER
13 SCHOOL DAY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO
18 ESTABLISH IN THE STANDARDS FOR
19 ACCREDITATION THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF
20 STUDENTS THAT A TEACHER IN GRADES FIVE
21 THROUGH TWELVE (5-12) IS PERMITTED TO
22 TEACH PER SCHOOL DAY.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-812(a), concerning a teacher's
28 receiving additional compensation for volunteering to teach more than the
29 maximum number of students permitted per day, is amended to read as follows:

30 (a)(1) If a teacher of students in grades five through twelve (5-12)
31 agrees to teach more than the maximum number of students in grades five
32 through twelve (5-12) that is permitted per day under the Standards for
33 Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts ~~or subdivision~~
34 ~~(a)(4)(A) of this section~~, then the teacher's pay under his or her contract
35 shall be increased by an amount proportionate to the teacher's base pay and
36 the additional number of students taught by the teacher.



