

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR/STUDENT RATIOS Policy 230.1

Waunakee Community School District

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The Board of Education believes that the success or failure of a school is largely dependent on the building principal. The number of students and staff supervised by the principal impacts on the overall quality of the school. Therefore, the Board establishes the following guidelines based on building administrator/student ratios to help guide the Board and administration in making decisions regarding the number of administrators assigned to each building:

<u>School Type</u>	<u>Range of Students per Building Administrator</u>
Elementary (Grades K-6)	400 to 500
Middle (Grades 7-8)	300 to 400
High School (Grades 9-12)	300 to 350

The Board recognizes that it will be impossible to always stay within these ranges. The ratio may fall above or below the range depending on specific circumstances. The Board may choose to provide additional administrative support during periods of transition on a part time or shared basis or through the use of interns. However, the Board recognizes the importance of the role of building administrators in maintaining a safe and orderly school and providing quality supervision of staff. This can best be provided by staff members dedicated fully to student and staff supervisory duties.

Legal References:

Wisconsin Statutes

[Section 118.24](#) [administrators]

Cross References:

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