

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

No. 208

Board of Trustees Douglas County School District

PROGRAM

ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES FOR COMPARABILITY

The Douglas County School District strives to provide an equal educational opportunity for all students. The District recognizes that the size of schools and the grade levels served by schools must be considered in allocating instructional staff and dollars per student for the purchase of supplies, materials, and equipment.

Instructional Classroom Staffing: All schools within the District that serve non-departmentalized grade levels, i.e., grades kindergarten through sixth grade, may be staffed differently with instructional personnel using a different staffing ratio because of school size.

Departmentalized schools serving grades seven through twelve will be allocated the instructional staff necessary to provide comparable program offerings. The District recognizes that comparable program offerings in small departmentalized schools require additional staff to deliver courses in all areas and that this may result in lower teacher/pupil ratios.

Whenever ECIA Chapter I funds are used to hire instructional classroom personnel, such personnel will be in addition to those allocated in the above-stated manner.

Supplies, Materials, and Equipment: School discretionary funds will be allocated to schools by formula for the purchase of supplies, materials, equipment and other operational costs. The District's allocation formulas recognize that small schools (less than 450 students) require larger expenditures per student than large schools (greater than 450 students) to provide comparable educational opportunities for all students.

In addition, new schools may receive, for one year, an additional allocation of up to 50% more than their normal allocation in order to provide appropriate start-up supplies, materials and equipment.

Schools transitioning from a traditional calendar to a year-round calendar will receive, in the year prior to transition, 50% more than their normal allocation in order to advance them instructional textbook and supply purchases by one fiscal year.

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Whenever ECIA Chapter I funds are used for supplies, materials, equipment or other operational costs, they will be in addition to District fund allocations.

See Policy related to this Administrative Regulation

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