

Descriptor Term: CLASS SIZE - ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

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It will be the policy of the Gulfport School District to comply with the enrollment requirements found in Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards. These requirements are as follows:

1. Student/teacher ratios do not exceed 22 to 1 in kindergarten. In instances in which a full-time assistant teacher is assigned to the classroom, the ratio may be 27 to 1.
2. Student/teacher ratios do not exceed 27 to 1 in classrooms serving grades 1 through 4 unless approved by the Mississippi Board of Education. Schools meeting the highest levels of performance are exempted.
3. Student/teacher ratios do not exceed 30 to 1 in self-contained classes serving grades 5 through 8. A one-year waiver may be requested for classes that do not exceed more than two (2) students beyond the allowable student-teacher ratio.
4. Student/teacher ratios do not exceed 33 to 1 in departmentalized academic core classes serving grades 5 through 12. A one-year waiver may be requested for classes that do not exceed more than two (2) students beyond the allowable student-teacher ratio.
5. The total number of students taught by an individual teacher in academic core subjects at any time during the school year will not exceed 150.
A teacher who provides instruction through intra-district or inter-district distance learning or supervises students taking virtual courses will be exempt from the 150-student limitation. A lab facilitator or principal designee will be responsible for the assignment of grades and related activities at the receiving school. Schools meeting the highest levels of performance are exempted.

Legal Reference: Mississippi Code 1972, §37-151-77
Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2020