

## STUDENTS

### PUPIL/STAFF RATIO

#### I. INTRODUCTION

The Martin County West School Board endeavors to keep the number of students in all classes at a level where individuals can achieve their maximum potential. The Board also recognizes that there are many circumstances which may impede efforts to reach that level. This policy clarifies the guidelines and the conditions relating to the pupil-teacher ratios.

#### II. GUIDELINES

Martin County West will use the Minnesota Department of Education guidelines relating to pupil-teacher ratios. Current Minnesota Department of Education Rules 3500.1400 (Elementary School Staff) and 3500.3700 (Secondary School Staff) provide the following:

#### III. EXCEPTIONS

- A. The guidelines specified under Section II may be exceeded only under one or more of the following circumstances:
1. Classroom, facility and supply constraints;
  2. Funding and instructional considerations;
  3. Curriculum and instructional considerations;
  4. Availability of licensed staff and other staff considerations;
  5. Student enrollment and demographics;
  6. Location of students and transportation considerations.
- B. Whenever the pupil-staff ratios are exceeded for any of the circumstances listed in Section III A, the superintendent shall make a written report to the School Board Describing the conditions which make exceptions to the guidelines necessary.