



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Approval of Class Size Waivers for the Spring Semester 2008-2009 School Year

SUBMITTED BY: Mrs. Gloria S. Rendon **OF:** Asst. to the Superintendent

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: February 16, 2009

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the United ISD Board of Trustees approve the following class size waivers for the Spring Semester 2008-2009 School Year.

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:

Texas Education Agency
Request for Maximum Class Size Waiver
 Spring Semester (2008-2009 School Year)

District Name: United I.S.D. 240 - 903 Acceptable
 Address: 201 Lindenwood Dr. County-District Number Current District
 City, State, Zip Laredo, TX 78045 Accountability Rating

This form is also available on-line at www.tea.state.tx.us. Completed forms must be submitted in hard copy to the Texas Education Agency, State Waiver Unit, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78701-1494 or Fax: 512-475-3666. (This report is authorized under TEC §39.183.)
*** It is not necessary to submit this form unless a waiver is needed.**

		Total Number of District Sections That Exceed 22:1 Class Size Ratio: 15 (This amount should be entered only one time even though additional sheets may be needed for campus information.)					F=Facilities T=Teachers G=Unanticipated Growth	
Campus Name(s)	Campus No.	Campus Accountability Rating	K	1	2	3	4	
			Total Sections	Total Sections	Total Sections	Total Sections	Total Sections	Reason(s)
Nye Elementary	103	Recognized					3	F
Clark Elementary	105	Acceptable	3				3	T
Gutierrez Elementary	114	Recognized					2	F
Zaffirini Elementary	124	Recognized		3			1	T
Centeno Elementary	129	Recognized			3		3	T
District Totals			3	3	3		7	15

Instructions

Each district is to conduct a class enrollment survey of Kindergarten through Grade Four (K-4) no later than **January 22, 2009**. Based on class enrollment surveys for Grades K-4, enter the campus name and campus number for each campus in which the class size ratio exceeds 22:1. Enter the total number of sections and the reason(s) for the waiver request. Class size limits do not apply to physical education or fine arts classes.

The waiver request must be submitted by **February 20, 2009**, and must include a **current compliance plan** that has been approved by the local board of trustees. The plan must include the name(s) of campus(es), campus rating, grade(s), and number of sections exceeding a 22:1 class size ratio; steps to be taken to bring the district into compliance; timeline for completion; any new efforts/progress toward compliance (if plan was previously submitted); and specific reasons that noncompliance must be addressed. In addition, districts that request a waiver due to an inability to employ teachers must document efforts to recruit and hire staff.

Roberto J. Santos

Print Name of Superintendent
☐ Dr. ☒ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms.

Pat Campos

Print Name of Board President

Gloria S. Rendon

Print Name of Contact Person

February 18, 2009

Date

Signature of Superintendent

February 18, 2009

Date of Board Approval

(956) 728-8691

Fax Number

For ___ Against ___ Abstain ___ Absent ___
 Board Vote



United Independent School District Compliance Plan Spring 2009

United Independent School District continues to experience student enrollment growth; therefore, the district persists in its recruiting efforts, construction of additional campuses/wings, relocation of portables, and the constant evaluation of boundaries and student demographics. Beginning the 2009-2010, the District will cap campuses that exceed the 22:1 ratio.

Nye Elementary (240-903-103) TEA Recognized Rating:

3 sections in 4th grade over the 22:1 ratio

The district has taken the following measures to assure that this campus is in compliance with class size requirements:

- the district will continue to work closely with the district's demographer to review district wide growth to plan accordingly;
- the district will relocate portable buildings to campuses with over-projected enrollments;

Clark Elementary (240-903-105) TEA Acceptable Rating:

3 sections in kindergarten over the 22:1 ratio

The district has taken the following measures to assure that this campus is in compliance with class size requirements:

- the district will continue to work closely with the district's demographer to review district wide growth to plan accordingly;
- the district will relocate portable buildings to campuses with over-projected enrollments;

Gutierrez Elementary (240-903-114) TEA Recognized Rating:

2 sections in 4th grade over the 22:1 ratio

The district has taken the following measures to assure that this campus is in compliance with class size requirements:

- the district will continue to work closely with the district's demographer to review district wide growth to plan accordingly;
- this campus has a unique situation due to the reason that this campus is one of two *Gifted and Talented Magnet Schools*. Those Gifted and Talented students in grades 3-5 who choose to attend this campus are homogenously grouped. The two sections that are over the 22:1 ratio are composed of G.T. students.

Zaffirini Elementary (240-903-124) TEA Recognized Rating:

3 sections in 1st grade and 1 section in 4th grade over the 22:1 ratio

The district has taken the following measures to assure that this campus is in compliance with class size requirements:

- the district will continue to work closely with the district's demographer to review district wide growth to plan accordingly;
- the district will relocate portable buildings to campuses with over-projected enrollments;

Centeno Elementary (240-903-129) TEA Recognized Rating:

3 sections in 2nd grade over the 22:1 ratio

The district has taken the following measures to assure that this campus is in compliance with class size requirements:

- the district will continue to work closely with the district's demographer to review district wide growth to plan accordingly;
- the district will relocate portable buildings to campuses with over-projected enrollments;

Other steps that the district has taken include:

- Continue collaborative efforts with local educational institutions to graduate qualified paraprofessional staff members as teachers.
- The district has established a "Tomorrow's Teachers" Project. This project addresses the need for qualified teachers in all areas of education and plans to meet the challenge by "growing our own" teachers from the talented pool of United I.S.D. students.
- The District is currently submitting information to the Federal Government requesting funding for additional classrooms and campuses.

WAIVER HISTORY 2007 on

CAMPUS	F	S	F 07	Sp. 08	f08	Sp. 09
ARNDT						
CLARK			1(2nd)	3(2nd)	1(k)	3(k)
COL. SANTOS				3(2nd)		
CUELLAR						
FINLEY						
GUTIERREZ			1(4th)	1(4th)	2(4th)	2(4th)
JUAREZ						
KAZEN						
KENNEDY						
DELLANO			1(3rd)			
MULLER				5(1st)		
NEWMAN						
NYE				2(1st)		3(4th)
PEREZ						
PRADA						
ROOSEVELT						
RUIZ						
SALINAS						
TRAUTMANN						
DD HACHAR						
ZAFFIRINI			2(k)	1(1st)		3(1st)
						1(4th)
BORCHERS						
GARCIA						
CENTENO				1(1st)		3(2nd)
MALAKOFF						
KILLAM					4(1st)	
FASKEN						
Total	0		5	16	7	15