



Spring Branch Independent School District

SBISD Administration requests approval to seek a Maximum Class Size Exemption from the Texas Education Agency for elementary K-4 classrooms that exceed a student to teacher ratio of 22:1.

The number of sections that exceeded the 22:1 ratio as of September 9, 2026, is 75.

Thus, the request for Maximum Class Size Exception approval is for 75 identified elementary classrooms (K-4) in 16 elementary schools that are currently above the State's class size limit of 22 students per class (22:1).

As a reminder, the District staffing formula is 24 students per class. Of the District's 724 Kindergarten – 4th grade classrooms, 6 currently have more than 24 students.

SBISD requested the following number of Maximum Class Size Exceptions in recent years:

2025-2026	65
2024-2025	127
2023-2024	142
2022-2023	101
2021-2022	76

Since 2011, SBISD has faced significant fiscal challenges under the Texas public school funding model. SBISD has continued to operate under a deficit budget, despite having cut \$35 million in expenditures for the current school year. Thus, the district has maintained the staffing model put in place in 2011, as noted above.

As proposed for the Board's consideration, financial hardship will be cited as the reason for the district's submission of this request.

The request for Maximum Class Size Exception that the Board will consider identifies 75 elementary classrooms (K-4) in 16 elementary schools that are currently above the State's allowable class size limit of 22 students per class (22:1). A list of affected classes is attached for your review.

If approved by the Board, SBISD will be submitting a request for a Maximum Class Size Exception from TEA in September. As of September 9, 2026, there are a total of 724 sections (K-4) of which 649 have 22 or fewer students. We will be requesting exceptions for 75 sections to exceed the state class limit of 22 students. Of the 724 sections, 75 sections, approximately 10.4%, are staffed between 23 and 24 students with 6 sections, approximately 0.8%, of the sections above that range. District enrollment as of September 19, 2026, is **30,698**.

Inspiring minds. Shaping lives.

Jennifer Blaine, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

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Class Size Exception Report (9/9/2026)

Campus #	Campus	Class Type	Main/BIL/DL	Total Sections Per Grade	Enrollment Count
126	Buffalo Creek Elementary	4th Grade	BIL	3 of 3	23
126	Buffalo Creek Elementary	4th Grade	BIL		24
126	Buffalo Creek Elementary	4th Grade	BIL		24
				Subtotal: 3	
102	Bunker Hill Elementary	1st Grade	M	1 of 6	23
102	Bunker Hill Elementary	4th Grade	M	6 of 6	23
102	Bunker Hill Elementary	4th Grade	M		24
102	Bunker Hill Elementary	4th Grade	M		24
102	Bunker Hill Elementary	4th Grade	M		23
102	Bunker Hill Elementary	4th Grade	M		23
102	Bunker Hill Elementary	4th Grade	M		23
				Subtotal: 7	
104	Frostwood Elementary	4th Grade	M	4 of 6	23
104	Frostwood Elementary	4th Grade	M		23
104	Frostwood Elementary	4th Grade	M		23
104	Frostwood Elementary	4th Grade	M		23
				Subtotal: 4	
105	Hollibrook Elementary	Kindergarten	BIL	2 of 2	26
105	Hollibrook Elementary	Kindergarten	BIL		26
105	Hollibrook Elementary	1st Grade	BIL	2 of 3	23
105	Hollibrook Elementary	1st Grade	BIL		23
105	Hollibrook Elementary	2nd Grade	BIL	2 of 3	25
105	Hollibrook Elementary	2nd Grade	BIL		25
				Subtotal: 6	
106	Housman Elementary	2nd Grade	BIL	1 of 2	23
106	Housman Elementary	2nd Grade	M	2 of 2	25
106	Housman Elementary	2nd Grade	M		24
106	Housman Elementary	3rd Grade	M	1 of 2	24
106	Housman Elementary	4th Grade	M	2 of 2	23
106	Housman Elementary	4th Grade	M		24
				Subtotal: 6	
107	Hunters Creek Elementary	1st Grade	M	2 of 3	23
107	Hunters Creek Elementary	1st Grade	M		24
107	Hunters Creek Elementary	2nd Grade	M	2 of 4	23
107	Hunters Creek Elementary	2nd Grade	M		23
				Subtotal: 4	
108	Meadow Wood Elementary	1st Grade	M	3 of 4	23
108	Meadow Wood Elementary	1st Grade	M		24
108	Meadow Wood Elementary	1st Grade	M		23
108	Meadow Wood Elementary	2nd Grade	M	2 of 4	23
108	Meadow Wood Elementary	2nd Grade	M		23

108	Meadow Wood Elementary	3rd Grade	M	4 of 4	24
108	Meadow Wood Elementary	3rd Grade	M		23
108	Meadow Wood Elementary	3rd Grade	M		24
108	Meadow Wood Elementary	3rd Grade	M		23
				Subtotal: 9	
109	Memorial Drive Elementary	Kindergarten	M	3 of 3	24
109	Memorial Drive Elementary	Kindergarten	M		24
109	Memorial Drive Elementary	Kindergarten	M		24
				Subtotal: 3	
121	Nottingham Elementary	4th Grade	M	4 of 6	23
121	Nottingham Elementary	4th Grade	M		23
121	Nottingham Elementary	4th Grade	M		23
121	Nottingham Elementary	4th Grade	M		23
				Subtotal: 4	
110	Pine Shadows Elementary	Kindergarten	DL	3 of 5	23
110	Pine Shadows Elementary	Kindergarten	DL		23
110	Pine Shadows Elementary	Kindergarten	DL		23
110	Pine Shadows Elementary	2nd Grade	DL	1 of 4	23
110	Pine Shadows Elementary	2nd Grade	M	1 of 2	23
110	Pine Shadows Elementary	3rd Grade	DL	4 of 4	23
110	Pine Shadows Elementary	3rd Grade	DL		24
110	Pine Shadows Elementary	3rd Grade	DL		24
110	Pine Shadows Elementary	3rd Grade	DL		24
110	Pine Shadows Elementary	4th Grade	DL	1 of 4	23
				Subtotal: 10	
111	Ridgecrest Elementary	Kindergarten	M	1 of 1	24
111	Ridgecrest Elementary	1st Grade	BIL	3 of 3	23
111	Ridgecrest Elementary	1st Grade	BIL		24
111	Ridgecrest Elementary	1st Grade	BIL		25
111	Ridgecrest Elementary	3rd Grade	M	2 of 2	23
111	Ridgecrest Elementary	3rd Grade	M		24
111	Ridgecrest Elementary	4th Grade	BIL	1 of 3	23
111	Ridgecrest Elementary	4th Grade	M	2 of 2	24
111	Ridgecrest Elementary	4th Grade	M		23
				Subtotal: 9	
112	Rummel Creek Elementary	4th Grade	M	3 of 6	23
112	Rummel Creek Elementary	4th Grade	M		23
112	Rummel Creek Elementary	4th Grade	M		23
				Subtotal: 3	
119	Sherwood Elementary	2nd Grade	DL	1 of 2	23
119	Sherwood Elementary	3rd Grade	M	1 of 1	23
				Subtotal: 2	
116	Westwood Elementary	4th Grade	BIL	2 of 2	23
116	Westwood Elementary	4th Grade	BIL		24
				Subtotal: 2	

118	Wilchester Elementary	2nd Grade	M	1 of 6	24
				Subtotal: 1	
117	Woodview Elementary	4th Grade	BIL	2 of 2	24
117	Woodview Elementary	4th Grade	BIL		23
				Subtotal: 2	
					Total Exceptions: 75

2026 Enrollment Committee Approval

Five teachers moved to a different campus and three of those changed grade levels.

The table below indicates the receiving campuses and sending campuses as well as grade level effected.

Sending Campus	From Grade Level	Receiving Campus	Grade Level
Spring Branch Elem	Kinder ESL	Sherwood Elem	Kinder ESL
Meadow Wood Elem	2 nd Grade ESL	Frostwood Elem	Kinder ESL
Spring Branch Elem	4 th Grade Bil	Edgewood Elem	5 th Grade Bil
Bear Blvd School	Pre-K ESL	Frostwood Elem	1 st Grade ESL
Buffalo Creek Elem	Kinder ESL	Terrace Elem	Kinder ESL

Summary of Sections by Grade Level

The following information provides a more detailed breakdown of the number of sections in Kindergarten through Fourth Grade with 22 students or less, sections with 23 or 24 students, and the number of sections exceeding 24 students.

*The table below shows the number of specific sections (K-4) which **are below the SBISD 24:1** staffing guidelines (23 students or less).*

	Kinder	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	Total
Number of sections with 23 students or less.	148	141	132	136	137	694

*The table below shows the number of specific sections (K-4) which **are at the SBISD 24:1** staffing guidelines (exactly 24 students).*

	Kinder	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	Total
Number of sections with only 24 students.	4	3	2	7	8	24

*The table below shows the number of specific sections (K-4) which **exceed the SBISD 24:1** staffing guidelines.*

	Kinder	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	Total
Number of sections exceeding 24 students	2	1	3	0	0	6