



# Decatur School District



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Re: Class Size Waiver

I am writing to request a waiver of Standard for Accreditation 1-A.5 Class Size, which requires that “Each public school district shall comply with the laws of the State of Arkansas and the rules of the Division regarding class size and teaching load.” Decatur is seeking a waiver under Ark. Code Ann. 6-15-202(b)(2)(A).

The reason for the request is as follows:

- 1) Our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class is currently at 51 students with two teachers. Decatur enrolls many migrant students at Decatur Northside Elementary K-4. The class size numbers typically fluctuate 2-3 students frequently throughout the year. We are adding a paraprofessional to the second-grade class to ensure that all students receive adequate opportunities to learn and grow.

Please contact Dr. Steven Watkins, Superintendent, with any questions.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted

Dr. Steven Watkins, Superintendent  
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