



Augusta School District

#10 Red Devil Drive
Augusta, AR 72006



November 3, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

The Augusta School District is seeking a waiver of Standard of Accreditation for Standard 1-A.5 Class Size, which requires that "Each public school shall comply with the laws of the State of Arkansas and the rules of the Division regarding class size and teaching load." The District will be seeking a waiver under Ark. Code Ann. 6-15-202(b)(2)(A).

The District currently has 23 students enrolled in the kindergarten class. In August, only 20 students were enrolled in this class. Since school has begun, 2 new students enrolled and 1 home schooled student re-enrolled in the district and needed to be retained in kindergarten.

A paraprofessional, who has an Associate of Arts Degree with emphasis in Early Childhood and is currently enrolled in the REACH Institute to obtain a degree in elementary education, was placed in this classroom to assist the kindergarten teacher at the beginning of this school year. The kindergarten teacher and paraprofessional are an excellent team for our kindergarten students.

The District would be required to hire an additional teacher for one student and this is not a feasible option at this time due to finding a qualified teacher and interrupting the academic team currently in place.

We respectfully ask that our request be granted. If further information is needed, please feel free to contact the District.

Sincerely,

Cathy Tanner
Superintendent
Augusta Schools