



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Approval of Maximum Class Size Waiver for 2010-2011 School Year

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

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: January 19, 2011

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the United ISD Board of Trustees approve the following Maximum Class Size Waiver for the 2010-2011 School Year.

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:



TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY

2010 - 2011 Request for Maximum Class Size Waiver Exception

State Waiver Unit

1701 N. Congress Ave. Austin, TX 78701-1494 512 463-9630 512 475-3666 Fax www.tea.state.tx.us

This form is also available on-line at www.tea.state.tx.us. Completed forms must be submitted via email to waivers@tea.state.tx.us or 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 §39.332.) * **It is not necessary to submit this form unless a waiver is needed.**

District Name: United ISD -- 2nd Submission	District Address: 201 Lindenwood Dr.	District City, Zip Code: Laredo, TX 78045	County/District #: 240-903	District Accountability Rating: (E=Exemplary, R=Recognized, A=Acceptable, U=Unacceptable, NR=No Rating, LP=Low Performing) <input type="checkbox"/> E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NR <input type="checkbox"/> LP
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Instructions

Each district is to conduct a class enrollment survey of Kindergarten through Grade Four (K-4) no later than **September 10, 2010**. 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 to TEA (Commissioner) no later than **October 1, 2010 or 30th day after the first school day the district exceeds the limit, along with this form include a copy of 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.

Campus Name	Campus No.	Campus Accountability Rating: (E=Exemplary, R=Recognized, A=Acceptable, U=Unacceptable, NR=No Rating, LP=Low Performing)	Total Sections				Total K-4 Sections	Reason(s): (F=Facilities, T=Teachers, UG=Unanticipated Growth)
			K	1	2	3	4	
Trautmann	240-903-110	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NR <input type="checkbox"/> LP		1				<input type="checkbox"/> F <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T <input type="checkbox"/> UG
Barbara Fasken	240-903-131	<input type="checkbox"/> E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NR <input type="checkbox"/> LP				7		<input type="checkbox"/> F <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T <input type="checkbox"/> UG
Bonnie Garcia	240-903-128	<input type="checkbox"/> E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NR <input type="checkbox"/> LP	1					<input type="checkbox"/> F <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T <input type="checkbox"/> UG
Killam	240-903-132	<input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> R <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NR <input type="checkbox"/> LP					1	<input type="checkbox"/> F <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T <input type="checkbox"/> UG
		District Totals:	1	1	0	7	1	

<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	Print Name of Superintendent: Roberto J. Santos	Signature of Superintendent:	Board Vote:			Date of Board Approval 1-19-2011
<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	Print Name of Board President: Pat Campos	Signature of Board President:	For	Against	Absent	



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United Independent School District Compliance Plan

School Year 2010-2011 –Submission 2 (previously submitted 11-18-2010)

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 “high growth” campuses that exceed the 22:1 ratio.

Trautmann Elementary (240-903-110) TEA Exemplary Rating:

1 section in first 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;

Barbara Fasken Elementary (240903-131) TEA Recognized Rating:

7 sections in 3rd grade over the 22:1 ratio

In January, the district received a resignation from a third grade teacher. Rather than hire a new teacher, the class was dispersed among the other 7 classes.

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;

Bonnie Garcia Elementary (240903-128) TEA Recognized Rating:

1 section in kinder 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;

Killam Elementary (240-903-132) TEA Acceptable Rating:

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;

Other steps that the district has taken include:

- District staff and demographer are currently reviewing potential growth affecting our schools. Changes to boundaries will be made based on these findings.
- The district has established a “Tomorrow’s Teachers” Program. This program 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 reviewing budget allocations to plan accordingly.