

## Concord Public Schools

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Concord School District is seeking a waiver of Standard of Accreditation for Standard 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.” The district is seeking a waiver under Ark. Code Ann. 6-15-202(b)(2)(A).

The District currently has 26 students enrolled in third grade. Standard 1-A.5 Class Size states the maximum number of students enrolled in a third grade class is 25. The District is requesting a waiver on class size to 26 students. Currently, the classes of art, music, writing, social studies, and science are over the allowed class size. In order to meet the maximum number of students, the District would be required to hire additional teachers for one student. This is not a feasible option for the District.

The District has several support staff in place to aide in monitoring instruction and student academic achievement in content areas. The District is a K-12 configuration sharing fine arts teachers with the high school. The District has two periods available to serve elementary with the shared teachers. The master schedule does not allow for another section of the fine arts classes.

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

Sincerely,

Travis Fletcher, Superintendent  
Stephanie Langley, Elementary Principal