



**DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY
& SECONDARY EDUCATION**

Act 1240 District Waiver Request

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The following documents must be submitted with the waiver request:

- 1. Board resolution approving the waiver request**
- 2. Evidence of stakeholder involvement, including teachers and student families**

Waiver Request #1

Topic:	Class Size & Teaching Load
Standards/Statutes/Rules:	1- A.5 Class Size & Teaching Load – 6.17.812 DESE Class Size and Teaching Load Rules
Duration Requested:	2021-2022 School Year
Name of Open-Enrollment Charter Holding the Waiver	Arkansas Virtual Academy
Schools, Grades or Classes the Wavier Will Apply To	Jasper Elementary School Grades – 5 th & 6 th Grade Writing/English

- 1. Provide a detailed rationale explaining how the waiver will enhance student learning opportunities, promote innovation or increase equitable access to effective teachers. Include information about the problem or obstacle, if any, the waiver will help the district overcome.**

Jasper Elementary currently has 30 students enrolled in 5th Grade. To make the most effective use of our staff without having to hire addition faculty at this time in the school year, I am asking to waive the teacher class size to the current number of students enrolled. I would then need to utilize an intern from University of Arkansas in Little Rock to work under the teacher of record's guidance to provide writing/English/social studies to half of the students. We are concerned about social distancing with a class size of 30 or more so we will utilize the intern in another classroom to reduce the amount of students in one classroom.

- 2. Provide a detailed explanation of how the services being waived will be provided for students.**

We will have a teacher of record over the 5th grade class. That teacher will supervise/oversee the intern as she teaches writing, English and social studies to a portion of the students in another classroom. We departmentalize our grades 5 – 6 in Writing/English/social students, in Math/Science and in Reading. The intern would be teaching three sections – 2 of 5th grade and 1 of 6th grade. The teacher of record will work closely with the intern and ensure that lessons are effective for our students.

- 3. Provide a detailed explanation of how the district will monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the waiver.**

The intern will work closely with her supervisor at our school as well as through her college program. Lesson plans and CFAs will be reviewed to ensure that standards are taught and students are meeting learning expectations. The intern will attend Professional Development with the Jasper Elementary Teachers, providing training in classroom management, trauma-based classroom, crisis prevention/management, mandated reporter training, PLC implementation, etc. We will utilize the OUR Coop Literacy Specialist for additional support in ELA. They will provide onsite professional develop in writing and Science of Reading Strategies. Fifth and sixth grade teachers have common planning time and a weekly PLC Team time. The intern will be a part of these meetings and will have support with planning and data gathering. Jasper Elementary currently has two lead teachers, who have an extended contract, which provide additional support for our new teachers. The school principal will work with the intern with weekly visits through coaching and provide actionable feedback to support growth.