

[NOTE: MSBA SUGGESTS REPEAL OF THIS POLICY]

697 PUPIL-STAFF RATIO

The School Board recognizes the importance of maintaining reasonable class sizes and will make every attempt to maintain reasonable pupil-teacher ratios. The Minnesota Department of Education Rules 3500.1400 and 3500.3700 specify maximum ratios at the elementary and secondary levels. ***[Note: These rules have been repealed.]*** Independent School District No. 832 will make every attempt to adhere to the above Minnesota Department of Education guidelines relating to pupil-teacher ratios. As it relates to the following guidelines, Mahtomedi Middle School will be treated as a secondary school:

Pupil-Teacher Ratio. The acceptable maximum pupil-teacher ratio is 30 to 1 in any class in grades K-6 or K-8. A recommended pupil-teacher ratio for music teachers, including music specialists, is an average of 240 pupils per day per week in grades K-6 or K-8.

Maximum Number of Pupils. The maximum number of pupils per day for a secondary school teacher is 160 except for teachers of performing music groups and physical education classes. An acceptable class size for instruction in physical education shall not exceed 40 pupils. The recommended average number of pupils per day per week for a secondary teacher of performing music groups is 180.

The above guidelines may be exceeded in any one or more of the following circumstances:

- A. Classroom, facility and supply constraints;
- B. Funding and financial considerations;
- C. Curriculum and instructional considerations;
- D. Availability of licensed staff and other staff considerations;
- E. Student enrollment and demographics;
- F. Location of students and transportation considerations.

Whenever the pupil-staff ratios exceed the above guidelines, the Superintendent of Schools shall make a written report to the School Board describing the circumstances which make exceptions to the guidelines necessary.

This policy will be adopted and filed with the State Board of Education by August 1 of each year. Any amendment made by the School Board will be filed with the State Board of Education within ten (10) days of its adoption.

ADOPTED: August 1, 1988
REVISED: