

Mark Manchester Principal Rector School District Rector, AR 72461

Matthew Sutherlin
Arkansas Department of Education
Coordinator for Standards and Support//Charter Schools
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Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Mr. Sutherlin:

The Rector School District wishes to seek a waiver for Standard of Accreditation 1-A.5, requiring each public school district to comply with rules regarding class size and teaching load. Rector School District seeks this waiver under Arkansas Code Ann. 6-15-202(b)(2)(A). The district seeks this waiver due to increased student enrollment for the second semester in the second grade classrooms. Rector has sought out additional staff to alleviate the increased class size, but a suitable certified teacher has not been found to permanently reduce the number of students in each class. Our district is in a rural area which makes adding additional staff on short notice unlikely. Rector School District requests this waiver for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school session.

Yours Truly,

Mark Manchester

Principal, Rector Elementary

CC: Deborah Coffman, Assistant Commissioner

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