



Spring Branch Independent School District

SBISD Administration requests approval to seek a Maximum Class Size Exemption from the Texas Education Agency for elementary K-4 classrooms that exceed a student to teacher ratio of 22:1.

The number of sections that exceeded the 22:1 ratio as of September 15, 2025, is 65.

Thus, the request for Maximum Class Size Exception approval is for 65 identified elementary classrooms (K-4) in 17 elementary schools that are currently above the State's class size limit of 22 students per class (22:1).

As a reminder, the District staffing formula is 24 students per class. Of the District's 748 Kindergarten – 4th grade classrooms, 8 currently have more than 24 students.

SBISD requested the following number of Maximum Class Size Exceptions in recent years:

2024-2025	127
2023-24	142
2022-23	101
2021-22	76
2020-21	155
2019-20	134

Since 2011, SBISD has faced significant fiscal challenges under the Texas public school funding model. SBISD has continued to operate under a deficit budget, despite having cut \$35 million in expenditures for the current school year. Thus, the district has maintained the staffing model put in place in 2011, as noted above.

As proposed for the Board's consideration, financial hardship will be cited as the reason for the district's submission of this request.

The request for Maximum Class Size Exception that the Board will consider identifies 65 elementary classrooms (K-4) in 17 elementary schools that are currently above the State's allowable class size limit of 22 students per class (22:1). A list of affected classes is attached for your review.

If approved by the Board, SBISD will be submitting a request for a Maximum Class Size Exception from TEA in September. As of September 15, 2025, there are a total of 748 sections (K-4) of which 683 have 22 or fewer students. We will be requesting exceptions for 65 sections to exceed the state class limit of 22 students. Of the 748 sections, 19 sections, approximately 2.5%, are staffed between 23 and 24 students with 8 sections, approximately 1.0%, of the sections above that range. District enrollment as of September 15, 2025 is **31,667**.

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Jennifer Blaine, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

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CLASS SIZE EXCEPTION REPORT (9/15/2025)

Campus #	Campus	Class Type	Main/BIL/DL	Total Sections Per Grade	Enrollment Count
126	Buffalo Creek Elementary	4th Grade	M	2 of 2	24
126	Buffalo Creek Elementary	4th Grade	M		23
				Subtotal: 2	
102	Bunker Hill Elementary	Kindergarten	M	5 of 6	24
102	Bunker Hill Elementary	Kindergarten	M		24
102	Bunker Hill Elementary	Kindergarten	M		24
102	Bunker Hill Elementary	Kindergarten	M		24
102	Bunker Hill Elementary	Kindergarten	M		23
102	Bunker Hill Elementary	2nd Grade	M	5 of 6	24
102	Bunker Hill Elementary	2nd Grade	M		23
102	Bunker Hill Elementary	2nd Grade	M		24
102	Bunker Hill Elementary	2nd Grade	M		23
102	Bunker Hill Elementary	2nd Grade	M		23
102	Bunker Hill Elementary	3rd Grade	M	2 of 6	23
102	Bunker Hill Elementary	3rd Grade	M		23
				Subtotal: 12	
124	Cedar Brook Elementary	4th Grade	DL	2 of 4	23
124	Cedar Brook Elementary	4th Grade	DL		23
				Subtotal: 2	
103	Edgewood Elementary	2nd Grade	BIL	2 of 2	23
103	Edgewood Elementary	2nd Grade	BIL		23
				Subtotal: 2	
104	Frostwood Elementary	3rd Grade	M	1 of 6	23
104	Frostwood Elementary	4th Grade	M	1 of 7	23
				Subtotal: 2	
105	Hollibrook Elementary	2nd Grade	BIL	2 of 2	23
105	Hollibrook Elementary	2nd Grade	BIL		24
105	Hollibrook Elementary	4th Grade	BIL	2 of 2	28
105	Hollibrook Elementary	4th Grade	BIL		28
105	Hollibrook Elementary	4th Grade	M	2 of 2	24
105	Hollibrook Elementary	4th Grade	M		25
				Subtotal: 6	
106	Housman Elementary	Kindergarten	M	1 of 2	23
106	Housman Elementary	4th Grade	M	2 of 2	25
106	Housman Elementary	4th Grade	M		24
				Subtotal: 3	
109	Memorial Drive Elementary	4th Grade	M	2 of 3	23
109	Memorial Drive Elementary	4th Grade	M		24
				Subtotal: 2	
110	Pine Shadows Elementary	4th Grade	DL	3 of 4	24
110	Pine Shadows Elementary	4th Grade	DL		23
110	Pine Shadows Elementary	4th Grade	DL		23
				Subtotal: 3	
111	Ridgecrest Elementary	Kindergarten	BIL	3 of 3	24
111	Ridgecrest Elementary	Kindergarten	BIL		25
111	Ridgecrest Elementary	Kindergarten	BIL		25
111	Ridgecrest Elementary	2nd Grade	BIL	1 of 4	23
111	Ridgecrest Elementary	2nd Grade	M	2 of 2	25

111	Ridgecrest Elementary	2nd Grade	M		24
				Subtotal: 6	
119	Sherwood Elementary	Kindergarten	M	1 of 1	23
119	Sherwood Elementary	1st Grade	M	1 of 1	24
				Subtotal: 2	
114	Spring Branch Elementary	2nd Grade	BIL	1 of 3	23
				Subtotal: 1	
123	Thornwood Elementary	Kindergarten	M	2 of 2	24
123	Thornwood Elementary	Kindergarten	M		23
123	Thornwood Elementary	4th Grade	M	1 of 2	23
				Subtotal: 3	
115	Valley Oaks Elementary	Kindergarten	M	7 of 7	23
115	Valley Oaks Elementary	Kindergarten	M		24
115	Valley Oaks Elementary	Kindergarten	M		23
115	Valley Oaks Elementary	Kindergarten	M		23
115	Valley Oaks Elementary	Kindergarten	M		23
115	Valley Oaks Elementary	Kindergarten	M		24
115	Valley Oaks Elementary	Kindergarten	M		24
115	Valley Oaks Elementary	3rd Grade	M	1 of 7	23
115	Valley Oaks Elementary	4th Grade	M	1 of 7	23
				Subtotal: 9	
116	Westwood Elementary	2nd Grade	BIL	3 of 3	23
116	Westwood Elementary	2nd Grade	BIL		23
116	Westwood Elementary	2nd Grade	BIL		23
116	Westwood Elementary	4th Grade	M	1 of 1	23
				Subtotal: 4	
118	Wilchester Elementary	1st Grade	M	1 of 6	23
				Subtotal: 1	
117	Woodview Elementary	Kindergarten	M	1 of 2	23
117	Woodview Elementary	3rd Grade	BIL	1 of 2	23
117	Woodview Elementary	4th Grade	BIL	1 of 2	23
117	Woodview Elementary	4th Grade	M	2 of 2	23
117	Woodview Elementary	4th Grade	M		25
				Subtotal: 5	
					Total Exceptions: 65