

Subject: Re: Russellville Digital Waiver Application
Date: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 10:25:09 AM Central Daylight Time
From: Bryan Swymn
To: Melissa Matus (ADE)
CC: Traci Holland (ADE), Tally Harp, Ginny Stroud (ADE), Deborah Coffman (ADE), Mary Claire Hyatt (ADE)
Attachments: image001.png

Russellville is requesting the class size waiver for K-4.

Request for class size waiver k-4

--The teacher of record may go over the class size for K-4. If we go over 35 in K-2, we will request additional staff from the District. For the majority of the 2020-2021 school year, we did not exceed 35 even at peak enrollment (the height of the Covid-19 pandemic) .

--Students of differing grade levels will not receive instruction at the same time

--K-3 will have two teachers--one for math and one for literacy

--4th will have three teachers

--RCVA will have a special education teacher, ESL teacher, and a classified employee who can provide additional support for students needing intervention and extra help

On Wed, May 26, 2021 at 9:41 AM Melissa Matus (ADE) <Melissa.Matus@ade.arkansas.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Mr. Swymn,

As per our conversation this morning, we are clarifying waiver requests prior to the State Board of Education meeting on Thursday. Large group instruction does not apply to kindergarten – 4th grades. If your K-4 classes will exceed class size limits, Russellville will need the class size waiver. The district indicates in the teaching load section, that classes for K-2 would not exceed 30 students and classes for 3-5 would not exceed 40 students. If this plan is being followed, the district will need to request the class size waiver. Class size limits cannot exceed the following K:20, 1st-3rd: 25, and 4th:28 without the waiver.

Please reply all to this email indicating whether or not Russellville is requesting the class size waiver for K-4.

[Melissa Matus](#)

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