

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RULES GOVERNING CLASS SIZE AND TEACHING LOAD

These proposed new rule defines the maximum number of students allowed per classroom teacher, outlines the exceptions to the maximum student-teacher ratio, and sets forth how students are to be counted.

The maximum number of students allowed per classroom was previously included in the Standards for Accreditation. The maximum student-teacher ratios have been unchanged, however, the average ratio was removed.

The rules also include the student-teacher ratio exception for large group instruction which was allowed by Act 243 of 2018.

Additionally, the rule outlines how students in Grades 5 and 6 are to be counted for purposes of the maximum number of students a teacher may teach per day.