

Proposed revisions to

***Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2024***

2. All district professional positions requiring licensed staff are filled by staff that are properly licensed and endorsed as required by state law and federal requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Miss. Code Ann. § 37-9-77, Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 80.1 and 80.2. State Board Policy Chapter 80, Rules 80.1 and 80.2, and ESEA, and Federal Code. (NOTE: Teachers with endorsements in grades 7-12 content areas may teach the content in which they are endorsed in grades 5 and 6, if departmentalized.)
28. In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-151-213 and Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 19.1 State Board Policy Chapter 19, Rule 19.1, student teacher ratios do not exceed the following:
  - 28.1 Student teacher ratios do not exceed 22 to 1 in kindergarten, except in instances in which a fulltime assistant teacher is in the classroom. If a full-time assistant teacher is employed, 27 may be enrolled. ~~Miss. Code Ann. § 37-151-77~~ See Mississippi Kindergarten Guidelines, ~~Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 19.1, State Board Policy Chapter 19, Rule 19.1.~~
  - 28.2 Student teacher ratios do not exceed 27 to 1 in classrooms serving grades 1 through 4 unless approved by the State Board of Education. A one-year waiver may be requested for classes that do not exceed more than two (2) students beyond the allowable student teacher ratio. Schools Meeting the Highest Levels of Performance ~~are exempted~~ may include a 29 to 1 ratio without requesting a waiver. No waivers will be allowed for student teacher ratios exceeding 29 to 1. ~~Miss. Code Ann. § 37-151-77, Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 19.1, State Board Policy Chapter 19, Rule 19.1.~~
  - 28.3 Student teacher ratios do not exceed 30 to 1 in **self-contained** classes serving grades 5-8 (excluding special education self-contained classrooms). ~~Miss. Code Ann. § 37-151-77~~ A one-year waiver may be requested for classes that do not exceed more than two (2) students beyond the allowable student teacher ratio. Schools Meeting the Highest Levels of Performance may include a 32 to 1 ratio without requesting a waiver. No waivers will be allowed for student teacher ratios exceeding 32 to 1.
  - 28.4 Student teacher ratios do not exceed 33 to 1 in departmentalized academic core classes serving grades 5-12. ~~Miss. Code Ann. § 37-151-77~~ A one-year waiver may be requested for classes that do not exceed more than two (2) students beyond the allowable student teacher ratio. **Schools Meeting the Highest Levels of**

Performance may include a 35 to 1 ratio without requesting a waiver. No waivers will be allowed for student teacher ratios exceeding 35 to 1.

28.5 The total number of students taught by an individual teacher in academic core subjects at any time during the school year shall not exceed 150. A teacher who provides instruction through intra-district or inter-district distance learning or supervises students taking virtual courses will be exempt from the 150-student limitation. A lab facilitator or principal designee will be responsible for the assignment of grades and related activities at the receiving school. Schools Meeting the Highest Levels of Performance are exempted.

28.6 Teachers of rotational courses in any school with a grade configuration that includes grades K-6 that traditionally include more students than outlined in Process Standards 28.2, 28.3, 28.4, and 28.5 (i.e., elementary physical education, music, arts, speech-language therapist, etc.,) may exceed the ratios outlined in those standards. However, schools shall ensure adequate supervision by certified staff of those students at all times.

28.7 Teachers of courses in any school with a grade configuration that includes grades 6-12 that traditionally include more students than outlined in Process Standards 28.3, 28.4, and 28.5 (i.e., team sports, band, musical performance, speech-language therapist, etc.,) may exceed the ratios outlined in those standards. However, schools shall ensure adequate supervision by certified staff of those students at all times.

## **GLOSSARY**

### **ACADEMIC CORE**

Required course offerings in which specific skills contained in the Mississippi College- and Career- Readiness Standards and Mississippi Curriculum Frameworks must be taught.

~~Subjects in the academic core are English/language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, world languages, and the arts (dance, media arts, music, theatre, visual arts).~~

Academic core subjects include English, reading, language arts, mathematics, science, world language, civics, government, economics, arts, history and geography) *Source: Guidelines for Mississippi Educator Licensure, Appendix G.*