

Proposed Revisions to Process Standard 28.6 of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2025*

- 28.** 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 full-time assistant teacher is in the classroom. If a full-time assistant teacher is employed, 27 may be enrolled. See Mississippi Kindergarten Guidelines.
 - 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 may include a 29 to 1 ratio without requesting a waiver. No waivers will be allowed for student teacher ratios exceeding 29 to 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). 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. 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 [28.1](#), 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.