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Policy 630

PUPIL – STAFF RATIO POLICY

Whereas, Minnesota Department of Education no longer maintains a class size guideline, it is incumbent upon the school board to establish policy grounded in professional research and best practice,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

Independent School District No. 181 will attempt to adhere to the following guidelines relating to pupil-teacher ratios:

1. Elementary – The acceptable maximum pupil-teacher ratio is 25 to 1 in any class in grades K-to 4. A recommended pupil-teacher ratio for elementary specialists is an average of 250 pupils per day in grades K-4.
2. The above guidelines may be exceeded in any one or more of the following circumstances:
 - Classroom, facility and supply constraints;
 - Funding and financial considerations;
 - Curriculum and instructional considerations;
 - Availability of licensed staff and other staff considerations;
 - Student enrollments and demographics;
 - Location of students and transportation considerations.
3. Whenever the pupil-staff ratios exceed the above guidelines, the superintendent of schools shall make a written report to the school board describing the circumstances which make exceptions to guidelines necessary.