

CLASS SIZE GUIDELINES

Mississippi Code Ann. Section 37-151-77 and the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards of 2016 will govern principals in making student and teacher assignments to classes.

The current accreditation standards are as follows:

Standard 28:

- 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. {MS Code 37-151-77} (See Mississippi Kindergarten Guidelines.) (7 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 3, Ch. 19, R. 19.1).
- 28.2 Student teacher ratios do not exceed 27 to 1 in classrooms serving grades 1 through 4 the State Board of Education. (Schools Meeting the Highest Levels of Performance are exempted.) {MS Code 37-151-77} (7 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 3, Ch. 19, R. 19.1)
- 28.3 Student teacher ratios do not exceed 30 to 1 in self-contained classes serving grades 5-8. {MS Code 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.
- 28.4 Student teacher ratios do not exceed 33 to 1 in departmentalized academic core classes serving grades 5-12. {MS Code 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.
- 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. (Schools Meeting the Highest Levels of Performance are exempted.)

SOURCE: Jackson Public School District, Jackson, Mississippi

LEGAL REF: Miss. Code Ann. Section 37-151-77
Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2016

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