

CHAPTER 3535
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN SCHOOLS

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The 15 percentage points requirement of part 3535.0200, subpart 4 shall be used as the standard for local school boards in the process of developing plans to remove racial segregation in the district. The commissioner shall approve school desegregation plans that vary from the standard by up to an additional 15 percentage points if the local board can justify an educational reason for a variance to the state board from the comprehensive school desegregation plan submitted. If the variance is approved by the commissioner, it may result in a school building exceeding 50 percent minority enrollment if necessary.

An educational reason shall include the effect on bicultural and bilingual programs, making magnet schools available to minorities, effectiveness of school pairing programs, and other educational programs that should result in a better education for the children involved. In determining whether the educational reason put forth by the district justifies the variance, the State Board of Education shall determine whether other alternatives are educationally and economically available to the district such that the variance is not needed.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 121.11 subs 7,12, 124 14*

History: *L 1984 c 463 art 7 s 49,53 subd 2*