3525.2340 CASE LOADS.

Subpart 1. [Repealed, 19 SR 2432]

Subp. 2. [Repealed, 19 SR 2432]

Subp. 3. [Repealed, 19 SR 2432]

Subp. 4. Case loads for school-age educational service alternatives.

A. The maximum number of school-age pupils that may be assigned to a teacher:

(1) for pupils who receive direct special instruction from a teacher 50 percent or more of the instructional day, but less than a full school day:

(a) deaf-blind, autism spectrum disorders, developmental cognitive disability: severe-profound range, or severely multiply impaired, three pupils;

(b) deaf-blind, autism spectrum disorders, developmental cognitive disability: severe-profound range, or severely multiply impaired with one program support assistant, six pupils;

(c) developmental cognitive disability: mild-moderate range or specific learning disabled, 12 pupils;

(d) developmental cognitive disability: mild-moderate range or specific learning disabled with one program support assistant, 15 pupils;

(e) all other disabilities with one program support assistant, ten pupils;

and

(f) all other disabilities with two program support assistants, 12 pupils;

and

(2) for pupils who receive direct special education for a full day:

(a) deaf-blind, autism spectrum disorders, developmental cognitive disability: severe-profound range, or severely multiply impaired with one program support assistant, four pupils;

(b) deaf-blind, autism spectrum disorders, developmental cognitive disability: severe-profound range, or severely multiply impaired with two program support assistants, six pupils; and

(c) all other disabilities with one program support assistant, eight pupils.

B. For pupils who receive direct special education less than 50 percent of the instructional day, caseloads are to be determined by the local district's policy based on the amount of time and services required by pupils' IEP plans.

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Subp. 5. Case loads for early childhood program alternatives. A teacher's case load must be adjusted downward based on pupils' severity of disability or delay, travel time necessary to serve pupils in more than one program alternative, and if the pupils on the teacher's case loads are receiving services in more than one program alternative or the pupils are involved with other agencies. The maximum number of pupils that can be assigned to a teacher in any early childhood program alternative is:

- A. birth through two years: 12 pupils per teacher;
- B. three through six years: 16 pupils per teacher; and
- C. birth through six years: 14 pupils per teacher.

District early childhood special education (ECSE) classes must have at least one paraprofessional employed while pupils are in attendance. The maximum number of pupils in an ECSE classroom at any one time with a teacher and a program support assistant is eight. The maximum number of pupils in an ECSE classroom at any one time with an early childhood team is 16.

Statutory Authority: *MS s* 14.389; 120.17; 121.11; *L* 1994 *c* 647 *art* 3 *s* 23; *L* 1999 *c* 213 *s* 19,20

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