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LIZZETTE REYNOLDS
COMMISSIONER

Via Electronic Mail

September 6, 2023

Sarai Pierce, Director of Schools
Sequatchie County Schools
878 Cordell Drive
Dunlap, TN 37327

Re: Waiver for Average Class Size in CTE Courses at Sequatchie County High School

Dear Director Pierce:

I am in receipt of your September 1, 2023 waiver request of the class size average found in Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-104 for CTE courses at Sequatchie County High School in Sequatchie County Schools.

The commissioner's waiver authority under Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-201(d) is limited by Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-104(a), which states that "neither the commissioner nor the state board of education shall grant waivers from the maximum class sizes established in this section."

With the understanding that none of the CTE classes Sequatchie County High School will exceed the maximum number of students per class specified in the above referenced law, your request for a waiver of the class size average is hereby granted for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Lizzette Reynolds
Commissioner



Local Education Agency Waiver Request

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-1-201(d), upon application by the local education agency (LEA) for one or more of its schools, the commissioner of education may waive any state board rule or statute that inhibits or hinders the LEA's ability to meet its goals or comply with its mission. Please submit completed forms to Commissioner.Education@tn.gov. Following review by the commissioner, the LEA will be notified in writing if the waiver request is approved or denied. Unless otherwise stated, all waivers granted by the commissioner shall be granted for one-year terms.

Waivers may **not** be granted by the commissioner for regulatory or statutory requirements related to:

- (A) Federal and state civil rights;
- (B) Federal, state and local health and safety;
- (C) Federal and state public records;
- (D) Immunizations;
- (E) Possession of weapons on school grounds;
- (F) Background checks and fingerprinting of personnel;
- (G) Federal and state special education services;
- (H) Student due process;
- (I) Parental rights;
- (J) Federal and state student assessment and accountability;
- (K) Open meetings;
- (L) Educators' due process rights;
- (M) Reductions in teachers' salaries;
- (N) Employee rights, salaries and benefits; and
- (O) Licensure of employees.

Local Education Agency:

Sequatchie Co. Schools

School Information (if applicable):

School Name: Sequatchie Co. High School

Street: 7067 State Route 28

City: Dunlap, TN 37327 Zip Code: 37327

Please list the statute(s) and/or state board rule(s) for which waiver is being requested:

2021 TN Code 49-1-104 CTE size from 20 to 25.

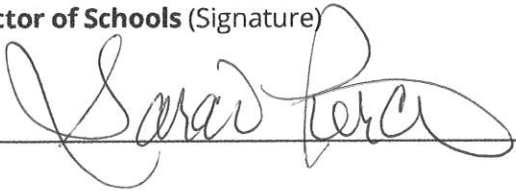
Explanation of how the statute(s) and/or state board rule(s) inhibits or hinders the local education agency's ability to meet its goals or comply with its mission:

Sequatchie Co High School requests a class size waiver to increase the number of students from 20 to 25. This will allow for more students to have opportunities with real world experiences & skills

Expected duration of the condition necessitating this waiver request: 1 year

Aug. 2023 - June 24

Director of Schools (Signature)



Print Name

Sarai Pierce

Date

9/1/23
