



GARLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

DATE: March 31, 2023

TO: Elementary Principals

FROM: Dina Rowe, Director of Human Resources – Elementary Campuses

RE: 22:1 Enrollment Cap

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State law releases school districts from the 22:1 class size cap in grades K-4 during the last 12 weeks of school (Education Code 25.112(d)-(e))(GISD Board Policy EEB/Legal).

**Please be advised that the 22:1 requirement is lifted effective March 1, 2023.**

In order to prevent extremely large class sizes, you are asked to limit the K-4 classes to 25 students each. Once each section at a grade level reaches 25 students, please call me to discuss closing that grade level to further enrollment.

Although fifth grade classes are not limited by the state 22:1 rules, as a district, we generally limit 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes to 28-30 students. During the last 12 weeks, fifth grade classes should not increase to more than 30 students.

The main purpose of lifting the cap is to make sure we have seats for newly enrolling students. With the exception of reuniting siblings, lifting the cap does not allow parents to move their children to schools where they are on a waiting list. Current GISD students who wish to transfer between campuses will still need to meet district transfer guidelines and established ethnicity ratios remain in effect.