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LIZZETTE REYNOLDS
COMMISSIONER

Via Electronic Mail

November 17, 2023

Dr. Linda Cash, Director of Schools
Bradley County Schools
800 South Lee Highway
Cleveland, TN 37311

Re: Waiver for Average Class Size in CTE Courses

Dear Director Cash:

I am in receipt of your November 14, 2023 waiver request of the class size average found in Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-104 for CTE courses in Bradley 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 in Bradley County Schools 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

Bradley County Schools

Arlette Robinson
**Director of
Career and
Technical
Education**

November 14, 2023

Commissioner Lizzette Reynolds
Commissioner of Education
Tennessee Department of Education
710 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Commissioner Reynolds,

Bradley County Schools student population continues to grow. We are also seeing an increase in course requests for our CTE programs. Projected enrollment shows that of our CTE classes will be over the building maximum average. Limiting the class size average to 20 would prohibit students from being able to participate in courses that align with the workforce need and support creating a pipeline of students. Eliminating the building class size average will also allow us to expand work-based learning offerings and courses in health sciences, agriculture, engineering and automotive to our students. Students may also participate in WBL at a larger number.

This letter is to request an exemption to the Tennessee Code Annotated, section 49-1-104 limiting the CTE class building average to 20. With the waiver we understand that no class can exceed 25 students and clinical internships at 15 students. The CTE classes are equipped and have the capacity to serve 25 students.

In order to prepare college and career ready students through CTE classes, we request the exemption to Tennessee Code Annotated section 49-1-104 be granted allowing Bradley County Schools the ability to accommodate the maximum 25 students per Career and Technical Education class, waiving the 20 per building class average for the middle schools and high schools for the 2023-2024 school year.

Thank you in advanced for your consideration.

Dr. Linda Cash

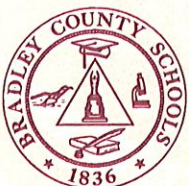


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