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LIZZETTE REYNOLDS
COMMISSIONER

Via Electronic Mail

August 29, 2025

Dr. Danny Weeks, Director of Schools
Robertson County Schools
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Springfield, TN 37172
dweeks@rcstn.net

Dear Director Weeks:

I am in receipt of your waiver request of the class size average found in Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-104 for one fourth grade class at White House Heritage Elementary in Robertson 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 the fourth grade class at White House Heritage Elementary will not 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 2025-26 school year.

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

Sincerely,

Lizzette Reynolds
Commissioner

General Waiver Request

Local education agencies (LEAs) and public charter schools should review the Local Education Agency and Public Charter School Waiver Guidance posted on the [department's website](#) before submitting this request. The guidance outlines what can and cannot be waived, as well as the information required for commonly requested waivers.

To apply for a waiver, email the completed form to Education.Waivers@tn.gov. Following review by the commissioner, the requestor 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.

If this is a waiver request for a public charter school, please attach documentation that confirms the public charter school first submitted this waiver to its LEA authorizer and the LEA authorized denied the request.

Robertson County Schools

Local Education Agency/Public Charter School

White House Heritage Elementary

School Name, if applicable

220 West Street, White House, TN 37188


School Address, if applicable

dweeks@rcstn.net

Director of Schools/Head of School Email Address

Danny L. Weeks, Ed.D.

Director of Schools/Head of School Printed Name

 28 Aug 25
Director of Schools/Head of School Signature & Date

1. Statute(s) or State Board of Education (SBE) rule(s) for which a waiver is being requested.
Class Size Waiver
State Board of Education - 0520-01-02-.31(4)
2. Expected duration of the condition necessitating this request. Please note that the department will not grant waivers beyond one year.
2025-2026 School Year
3. Explanation of how the statute(s) or SBE rule(s) inhibits or hinders the LEA's/public charter school's ability to meet its goals or comply with its mission (attach additional pages if more space is needed).
Due to an accident, one fourth-grade classroom teacher is on leave for an extended number of days. Students from this classroom will be reassigned to current fourth-grade teachers. Though the average class size will exceed the state average of 25 students, no class will exceed the prescribed maximum average of 30 students.