

3.54 TEACHING DURING PLANNING PERIOD AND/OR OF MORE THAN THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS PER DAY

A fifth (5th) through twelfth (12th) grade teacher may voluntarily enter into an agreement with the District to teach:

- 1) An additional class in place of a planning period; and/or
- 2) More than one hundred fifty (150) students per day.

A teacher who agrees to teach more than the maximum number of students per day is still bound by the maximum number of students per class period in the Standards For Accreditation and the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) Rules Governing Class Size and Teaching Load. A fifth (5th) through twelfth (12th) grade teacher may not teach more than one hundred fifty (150) students per day without receiving additional compensation except when the reason for the teacher exceeding the one hundred fifty (150) per day student maximum is due to the teacher teaching a course or courses that ADE has defined as lending itself to large group instruction.

A fifth (5th) through twelfth (12th) grade teacher who enters into an agreement with the District shall receive compensation based on the teacher's:

- a) Hourly rate of pay for the loss of a planning period; and/or
- b) Basic contract that is pro-rated for every additional student they teach over the maximum number of students permitted per day.

A teacher who wishes to enter into an agreement for numbers 1, 2, or both above must sign an agreement with the District prior to the teacher giving up his/her planning period or teaching more than the maximum number of students per day. A teacher shall not be eligible to receive compensation until after the agreement has been signed. The maximum length of the signed agreement between the teacher and the District shall be for the semester the agreement is signed.

Neither the District nor the teacher is obligated to:

- Enter into an agreement;
- Renew an agreement; or
- Continue an agreement past the semester in which the agreement is signed.

These additional agreements will not be covered by the Teacher Fair Dismissal Act. The agreements will not automatically renew as they expire at semester nor does the district have to give a teacher entered into the agreement a hearing if the district terminates the agreement. The Teacher Fair Dismissal Act still applies to each teacher's regular teaching contract including teachers entering into the agreement provided in this provision.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-17-812

ADE Rules Governing Class Size and Teaching Load

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