

The 2021 Legislative Session ended with the passage of two bills that impact teacher evaluation, Assembly Bill 57 and 266.

AB 57 temporarily suspends the requirement to establish learning goals for pupils (student performance domain) during the 2021-22 school year for teachers and school administrators (the weight will return to 15% starting with the 2022-23 school year).

AB 266 awards a post-probationary teacher, whose performance on an evaluation is designated as Effective or Highly Effective, an additional weight equivalent to the percentage by which the ratio of pupils for which the teacher is responsible exceeds the State Board of Education (SBE) recommended ratio of pupils per licensed teacher on certain criteria:

- For the 2021-22 school year and thereafter, post-probationary teachers who are rated Effective or Highly Effective will receive an adjusted score on their final summative evaluation score if their student ratio is over the SBE recommended class size ratio. The SBE recommended ratios of pupils per licensed teacher are 15:1 in grades K-3 and 25:1 in grades 4-12. The SBE did not set recommended ratios for choir, band, or orchestra; therefore, those subject area teachers are not eligible for the class size adjustment (NRS 388.890).
- The impacted indicators that will be adjusted for teachers with class sizes above the recommended ration include: 1B, 1D, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2E, 3A, 3B, 3C, and 4C.
- The adjusted score is not to exceed the maximum score that would otherwise be possible for a teacher rated as Highly Effective (4).
- Per the Nevada Department of Education, school districts must set a specific count date to identify the total per pupil count for each individual teacher to determine eligibility and/or calculate the percentage for the adjusted NEPF Indicator scores. The date can be no later than November 1st of that school year.

Washoe County School District will use November 1st as the count date for class size considerations. Additionally, WCSD will add an extra count date of February 1st. WCSD will use highest enrollment data from either date for each teacher eligible for the adjustment under law. If an eligible teacher has an increase in class size from November 1 to February 1, then the data from February will be calculated for the evaluation. If a teacher has a decrease in enrollment from November to February, then the data from November will be calculated for the evaluation.