

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
AUGUST 23, 2023

SUBJECT

Less Than Ten (10) Students Reported in Average Daily Attendance

REFERENCE

October 2017	Superintendent reported to the Board that eight (8) schools had requested approval and eight (8) were approved.
October 2018	Superintendent reported to the Board that nine (9) schools had requested approval and nine (9) were approved.
October 2019	Superintendent reported to the Board that nine (9) schools had requested approval and nine (9) were approved.
October 2020	Superintendent reported to the Board that six (6) schools had requested approval and six (6) were approved.
October 2021	Superintendent reported to the Board that five (5) schools had requested approval and five (5) were approved.
October 2022	Superintendent reported to the Board that five (5) schools had requested approval and five (5) were approved.

APPLICABLE STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

Idaho Code § 33-1003(2)(f)

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Idaho Code § 33-1003(2)(f) states that *“Any elementary school having less than ten (10) pupils in average daily attendance shall not be allowed to participate in the state or county support program unless the school has been approved for operation by the state board of education.”* At the November 18, 1999 meeting, the State Board of Education (Board) delegated authority to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to approve elementary schools to operate with less than ten (10) average daily attendance. This motion also required an annual update to the Board reporting which schools made a request to operate with less than ten (10) students for the upcoming school year.

Idaho Code § 33-1003(2)(f) requires that any school operating with less than ten (10) pupils in average daily attendance shall only be allowed to participate in state or county financial support programs if the school has been approved to operate by the State Board of Education.

A report listing the elementary schools that have requested to operate with less than ten (10) average daily attendance and whether approval was granted is to be provided to the Board at the October meeting.

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Eight (8) schools have requested to operate with less than ten (10) average daily attendance during the 2023-2024 school year. Superintendent Critchfield has approved all of the requests. (Attachment 1)

The Superintendent's approval is presented to the Board for verification.

IMPACT

These approved schools will generate state funding for their school districts, per Chapter 10, Title 33, Idaho Code.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Superintendent Critchfield's approval and list of approved schools

STAFF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Superintendent has approved the applications for the eight (8) schools noted in Attachment 1.

Board staff recommends that the Board accept the Superintendent's recommendation of approval.

BOARD ACTION

I move to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of approval of the eight (8) requests to operate with less than ten (10) pupils in average daily attendance during the 2023-2024 school year for the following schools as presented in Attachment 1.

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Carried Yes _____ No _____

Date: June 28, 2023
To: Superintendent Critchfield
From: Julie Oberle
Subject : Approval of Elementary Schools Having Less Than 10 ADA

Idaho Code 33-1003(2)(f) states:

Minimum Pupils Required. Any elementary school having less than ten (10) pupils in average daily attendance shall not be allowed to participate in the state or county support program unless the school has been approved for operation by the state board of education.

At the November 1999 meeting, the State Board of Education delegated authority to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to approve elementary schools to operate with less than ten (10) average daily attendance. A report listing the elementary schools that have requested to operate with less than ten (10) average daily attendance and whether approval was granted will be provided to the State Board of Education.

Attached is a list of school districts and elementary schools requesting approval to operate during the 2023-2024 school year anticipating less than ten (10) average daily attendance. Upon receiving your approval, I will prepare materials for the August State Board of Education meeting as well as an email to each school district advising them of your approval.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss.

I, Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Instruction, approve the attached list of schools to operate during the 2023-2024 school year with less than ten (10) average daily attendance.



**2023-2024 Elementary Schools Approved to Operate with Less than 10 ADA
Idaho Code 33-1003(2)(f)**

School District Name	Building Number	Building Name	Estimated Enrollment	Superintendent / Contact
071 Garden Valley	398	Lowman Elementary	5	Patrick Goff
111 Butte County	438	Howe Elementary	8	Joe Steele
191 Prairie	491	Prairie Elem-Jr High	6	Randy Davison (Board Chair)
244 Mountain View	1287	Elk City Public School	8-10	Kim Spacek
261 Jerome	297	Jerome Academy	8	Pat Charlton
292 S. Lemhi	765	Tendoy Elementary	< 10	Kevin Ramsey
364 Pleasant Valley	800	Pleasant Valley Elem-Jr High	11	Heather Williams
416 Three Creek	835	Three Creek Elementary	5	Shannon Ault (Head Teacher)