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**D-SHAC Subcommittee for Safety in Health Fitness-Student/Teacher Ratio  
81(R) SB 891**

*Make up of subcommittee: This subcommittee contained several physical education certified staff as well as several parents.*

*Objective: If the student/teacher ratio established in a district is greater than 45:1 in a physical education class, the district must identify the manner in which the safety of students will be maintained.*

*Question: What will this subcommittee need to reach a safety recommendation plan?*

**Items verbally established by Subcommittee:**

- 1) SBISD Student/Teacher ratios in physical education classes can run approximately 65-100 students per grade levels to every 2-3 staff (certified and non-certified).
- 2) During physical education classes sometimes non-certified staff may be pulled for other duties (i.e. bus duty, lunch duty) leaving certified staff with inadequate teaching coverage.
- 3) Sometimes administrators will do a unit exchange with (non-certified) positions allotted for physical education to other needed positions leaving certified staff with inadequate teaching coverage.

**Recommendations of what the subcommittee needs to help develop a safety plan:**

- 1) Review outcomes of not allowing campus staff positions that are assigned to physical education to be unit exchanged for other staff positions or pulled for other duties by administrators.
- 2) Review SBISD staffing guidelines for student to teacher ratios for physical education. When and how were these developed and can they be changed? Do they provide adequate teaching coverage as they are for these larger groups?
- 3) Review NASPE (National Association for Sports and Physical Education) standards for teacher to student ratios.
- 4) Review AAHPERD (American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance) standards for teacher to student ratios.