



South Dakota Board of Regents	
Temporary Suspension of Section Size Policy for Fall 2020/Spring 2021	
<i>Temporary Policy Exceptions in Response to COVID-19</i>	
Date Issued:	June 16, 2020
Universities:	Black Hills State University, Dakota State University, Northern State University, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, South Dakota State University, University of South Dakota

1. **Overview:** This temporary policy creates exceptions to Board [Policy 5:17](#) – Instructional Funding. Policy 5:17 specifies minimum enrollments in selected course sections unless specifically excluded by stated instructional method type.
2. For the 2020-2021 academic year, each university is offering face-to-face courses that comply with federal and state guidance on reducing the spread of and exposure to Covid-19. Following such guidance may result in facility and classroom usage with fewer students per section in face-to-face courses than typically occurs.
3. Board Policy 5:17 states that “the Board may approve exceptions to the instructional funding policy as it deems appropriate.” To accommodate the logistical coordination for the safe and effective delivery of face-to-face courses, the Board of Regents is temporarily suspending Section C.4. Small Section Limitation of Policy 5:17. This suspension shall remain in place through the 2020-2021 academic year.
4. The section size report completed each term as described in Academic Affairs Council (AAC) [Guideline 5.7](#) will continue to be produced during the period that enforcement of the policy is suspended.