

Statutory Criteria	Considerations / Questions	Metric – and is it a Guideline (G) or a Requirement (R)?	Is specific data needed to demonstrate this? If yes, what?
Lengthy driving times	<i>For example:</i> * What is too long? * Is the answer different for elementary versus secondary?	<i>For example:</i> * X minutes RT – elementary students (G / R) * Y minutes RT – secondary student (G / R)	
Inhospitable travel routes			
Another school’s capacity to enroll the small school’s students			
measurable success in providing a variety of high-quality educational opportunities that meet or exceed EQS			

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percentage of students from economically deprived backgrounds AND the “measurable success” of those students in achieving “positive outcomes”			
school's high student-to-staff ratios			
district's participation in a merger study and submission of a merger report to the State Board			