

SCHOOL SITE STATUTORY WAIVER/DEREGULATION APPLICATION

for 20 21 - 20 22 school year

Tulsa COUNTY Broken Arrow SCHOOL DISTRICT

701 S Main St SCHOOL DISTRICT MAILING ADDRESS Broken Arrow CITY 74012 ZIP CODE

Highland Park Elementary NAME OF SITE

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jcvinson@baschools.org SUPERINTENDENT E-MAIL ADDRESS

[Signature] SUPERINTENDENT SIGNATURE* 8 9 2021 DATE

I hereby certify that this waiver/deregulation application was approved by our local board of education at the meeting on August 9, 20 21

BOARD PRESIDENT SIGNATURE*

NOTARY SEAL →

NOTARY DATE

COMMISSION EXPIRATION DATE

Statute/Oklahoma Administrative Code to be Waived:
(specify statute or OAC (deregulation) number: (see instructions))

*Original signatures are required. The attached questionnaire must be answered to process.**

THE WAIVER/DEREGUALTION IS REQUESTED FOR:

One Year Only

Three Years*

*Please see instruction page for additional requirements for a three year request

SDE USE ONLY

PROJECT YEARS
_____ of _____

ENROLLMENT

_____ High School

_____ Jr./Middle High

_____ Elementary

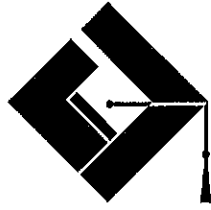
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DATE RECEIVED

70 O.S. _____

OAC _____

NAME OF WAIVER



STATUTORY WAIVER/DEREGULATION APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

(Oklahoma Deregulation Act, 70 O.S. § 3-124, et seq.)

Accreditation Standards Division

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Statutory Waivers/Deregulations for the next year will be accepted from April 1 through October 1, with the following exceptions:

- Resignation of staff causing changes in library media service requirements after October 1.

Other waivers/deregulations such as teachers attending school to obtain library media specialist certificates, alternative school abbreviated days, and waivers of alternative school coop agreements, should all be decided and applied for by October 1st of the current school year.

(For submission of a Statutory Waiver/Deregulation after October 1, call Accreditation, (405) 521-3335.)

NOTE: Beginning July 1, 2018, waivers and deregulations can be requested for three years. (Library Media Specialist Certificate Exemption must provide proof of enrollment for the applicant every year. Library Media Services must provide a schedule of operation every year.)

If you need technical assistance, please discuss the application with the Accreditation Division, (405) 521-3335.

Preparing the Statutory Waiver/Deregulation

- 1 **Submit a cover letter on school letterhead**, with the superintendent's signature, with a brief explanation of the request for a statutory waiver/deregulation.
- 2 Complete entire cover page.
 - Original signatures of the Superintendent, Principals, Board President and notary with a stamp/seal are required.
 - Cite the statute/OAC number in Title 70 or the Oklahoma Administrative Code to be waived (See below).
 - **The questionnaire following the cover sheet must be answered in order to process the application.**
 - **For Library Media Specialist** (teacher obtaining their LMS degree & certification), the teacher affected must include a letter of their intent to obtain the degree/certificate and proof of their enrollment in classes at a qualified university/college for the area of study.
 - **For adjunct teacher waivers:** Application must include board minutes approving the teacher as an adjunct (For those teaching more than three hours per day, 270 hours per semester).
 - **For abbreviated day deregulation:** Application must include a schedule of hours of instruction and numbers of days taught per week.
 - **For library media services deregulation:** Application must include a schedule of operation for the library, hours the library is open and a list of who is scheduled to cover those hours.

③ A Statutory Waiver/Deregulation can be requested for the following statutes and Oklahoma Administrative Codes:

STATUTORY WAIVERS

- 70 O.S. § 1-112 - **Saturday School**
- 70 O.S. § 6-122.3 - **Adjunct Teachers** - teaching for more than three hours a day or 270 clock hours per semester.
- 70 O.S. § 3-126 - **Library Media Specialist/waive certification only** - teacher attending college/university to obtain Library Media Specialist certification.
- 70 O.S. § 1210.568 - **COOP Agreement** - When a public school wants to serve fewer than 10 students in the alt ed program instead of COOPing with other districts.

NOTE: Statute 70 O.S. § 1-111 - Two Instructional Days in a 24 Hour Period (Parent Teacher Conference) and 70 O.S. § 1-109 - Extended/Flexible Day no longer requires a statutory waiver.

DEREGULATIONS

- OAC 210:35-5-71 - **Library Media Services Elementary School** - School is changing the standard of library services for their size school.
- OAC 210:35-7-61 - **Library Media Services Middle School** - School is changing the standard of library services for their size school.
- OAC 210:35-9-71 - **Library Media Services Secondary School** - School is changing the standard of library services for their size school.
- OAC 210:35-29-2 - **Abbreviated Day Alternative Education** - Use both citations for an alternative school to operate with abbreviated hours, less than four hours and 12 minutes of instruction per day, five days a week, or 756 hours per year.
- OAC 210:35-3-46 - **Superintendent, Elementary & Secondary Principal certificate** - serve as High School and Elementary School Principal with a school enrollment more than 500 (requires a dereg.)

NOTE: OAC 210:35-5-42 & 210:35-9-43 - Planning Period Deregulations, no longer requires a deregulation.

In addition, the ***School District Empowerment Program***, 70 O.S. § 3-129.11, allows a local school district to request to the State Board of Education an exemption from all statutory requirements and State Board of Education rules from which charter schools are currently exempt.

- A. Reason for the Deregulation request. Please include circumstances which necessitate changing the standard of library services for your size of school, what alternative means will have to be employed if your waiver was to be denied?

Broken Arrow Public Schools is requesting a Statutory Waiver/Deregulation of OAC 210:35-5-71 Library Media Services for Highland Park Elementary regarding media center staffing. Due to public school funding constraints, we request to employ one full-time certified library media specialist with no assistant.

- B. List alternate strategies/plans which the site proposes, and how this plan will best serve the students of your district, i.e., a description of the educational benefits to the students and learning achievement and any negative impact if the waiver were to be denied.

Highland Park Elementary strives to meet the needs of our students through a diverse set of instructional experiences. We will continue to serve our students with library media services that enhance student achievement and reading literacy. Highland Park will utilize front office staff and parent volunteers in our media center to assist in covering tasks that would be performed by a library assistant. Our media specialist, Mrs. Clayton, makes student literacy a priority and she has implemented a number of strategies to encourage reading for fun, as well as education. So Mrs. Clayton can continue her work, our office staff and volunteers perform duties that were expected of the library assistant. These tasks include assisting students and teachers with book locations, checking books in and out, sanitation of books and equipment, Should the waiver be denied, funding from various programs supporting literacy, RTI, instruction and diverse student needs would likely be pulled to fund the assistant salary. +

- C. Has this deregulation been awarded before? If so what was the educational impact to the district: Results of the Deregulation, i.e., effect on student performance levels, impact of plan on other sites in the district. If not what do you expect?

Yes. Highland Park Elementary was awarded this deregulation last year. No impact on student performance levels was noticed. Scores on OSTP, STAR, Literacy Now, NSGRA, RSA and formative assessments continued to show mastery of concepts and progress with literacy skills. Since many sites in the district are requesting this deregulation, any impact would be equal across the district.

- D. Timeline: Please submit class schedule, calendars, assessment forms and other attachments as necessary.

The media center schedule will not change and students will have access to all resources as needed. The media center operation schedule for Highland Park Elementary is attached.

- E. Any financial impact to the District (positive or negative) for the proposed deregulation? If positive please describe where the available would be reallocated.

Past deregulation of library media services has allowed Broken Arrow Public Schools to utilize the salary of the eliminated library assistant to fund positions and instructional programs deemed more vital to student learning and achievement.

- F. Describe method of assessment or evaluation of effectiveness of the plan both for staff and students, I.E. TLE, ACT scores, graduation rates, RSA, School Report Card, etc.

The certified media specialist will continue to be evaluated utilizing the district's TLE model and will be held to a standard of effective or higher. RSA, OSTP, STAR, Literacy Now, NSGRA and formative assessment scores will be monitored to assure that student achievement levels do not suffer as a result of the deregulation.

** You will be contacted if more information is needed to process this request.



August 4, 2021

Highland Park Elementary Media Center Specialist: Paula Clayton

Highland Park Elementary Media Center Schedule:

9:15	Media Center Opens
9:15-12:15	Librarian is Available
12:15-1:05	Office Staff/Volunteer is Available
1:05-3:50	Librarian is Available
3:55	Media Center Closes

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