



August 7, 2022

Highland Park Elementary Media Center Specialist: Paula Clayton

Highland Park Elementary Media Center Schedule:

- 9:15 a.m. Media Center Opens
- 9:15 a.m. School Begins
- 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 pm. Media Specialist is Available
- 12:15 p.m. – 1:05 p.m. Library Coverage Provided by Staff and Volunteers
- 1:05 p.m. – 3:55 p.m. Media Specialist is Available
- 3:55 p.m. Media Center Closes

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SCHOOL SITE STATUTORY WAIVER/DEREGULATION APPLICATION

for 20 22 - 20 23 school year

Tulsa COUNTY Broken Arrow Public Schools SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Highland Park Elementary NAME OF SITE

Beth Schmidt Digitally signed by Beth Schmidt
Date: 2022.08.07 15:19:10 -05'00'
PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE* DATE

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SUPERINTENDENT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

SUPERINTENDENT E-MAIL ADDRESS

SUPERINTENDENT SIGNATURE* DATE

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

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

0 District Total

DATE RECEIVED _____

70 O.S. _____

OAC _____

NAME OF WAIVER _____

- 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.