



**WELLSTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD AGENDA**

Special Meetings, Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at 4:00 PM
Administration Building
708 Birch Avenue
Wellston, Oklahoma 74881

(Note: The Board may discuss, vote to approve, vote to disapprove, vote to table or decide not to discuss any item on the agenda.)

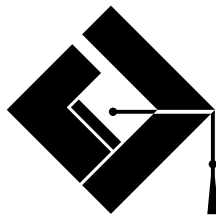
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Establishment of a Quorum
4. Possible consideration and vote to approve Agenda
5. Discussion and possible action on approving a statutory waiver/deregulation three-year application: OAC 210:35-9-71, OAC 210:35-7-61 Library Media Services Middle School and Secondary School.
6. Adjournment

POSTED: WELLSTON SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

DATE: Monday, September 23, 2024, at 1:25 p.m.

POSTED BY:

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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.

SCHOOL SITE STATUTORY WAIVER/DEREGULATION APPLICATION

for 20 _____ – 20 _____ school year

COUNTY _____ SCHOOL DISTRICT _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT MAILING ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

NAME OF SITE _____

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE* _____ DATE _____

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE* _____ DATE _____

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE* _____ DATE _____

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 _____ OAC210:35-7-61

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/DEREGULATION 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
_____ District Total

DATE RECEIVED _____

70 O.S. _____

OAC _____

NAME OF WAIVER _____

A. Reason for the waiver/deregulation request (be specific).

B. List alternate strategies/plans which the district/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.

C. Educational impact to the district: Results of the Statutory Waiver/Deregulation, i.e., effect on student performance levels, impact of plan on other sites in the district.

D. Timeline: Please submit class schedule, calendars, assessment forms and other attachments as necessary, or described in instructions.

A waiver/deregulation can be granted for up to 3 years. (Please see instructions for additional requirements)

E. Any financial impact to the District (positive or negative) for the proposed waiver/deregulation.

F. Describe method of assessment or evaluation of effectiveness of the plan.

A. Reason for the waiver/deregulation request (be specific).

Wellston Public Schools request a 3 year deregulation for our MS/HS Library for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and the 2026-2027 school year. Wellston MS/HS has a student population of 222 students in 6th-12th grades. We have a full-time library assistant for the MS/HS Library and she will have assistance and guidance from our Elementary Library Media Specialist, Janet Humphrey.

B. List alternate strategies/plans which the district/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.

Erin Ohl is a full-time library assistant for our MS/HS Library. She will continue to receive consultation and guidance from our Elementary Library Media Specialist. This alternative strategy allows the library to be open every day to best serve our students.

C. Educational impact to the district: Results of the Statutory Waiver/Deregulation, i.e., effect on student performance levels, impact of plan on other sites in the district.

Our library assistant has several years experience working in the school district with students. Some of those years were spent working in the library, where she has a good working knowledge and the ability to provide the library services needed for our students. This deregulation allows library services to continue each schoolday for our students.

D. Timeline: Please submit class schedule, calendars, assessment forms and other attachments as necessary, or described in instructions.

A waiver/deregulation can be granted for up to 3 years. (Please see instructions for additional requirements)

The deregulation is requested for 3 years, for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and the 2026-2027 school years. A current school calendar and class schedules are attached.

E. Any financial impact to the District (positive or negative) for the proposed waiver/deregulation.

The Wellston School District will save approximately \$30,000 each school year for a total of \$90,000 over a 3 year period. Our school enrollment has declined significantly each year over the past 5 years resulting in decreased state funding. We cut 4 teacher positions this past year to help balance our budget for the 2024-2025 school year.

F. Describe method of assessment or evaluation of effectiveness of the plan.

Wellston Schools will continue to analyze and compare our yearly graduation rates, ACT scores, and School Report Card to best serve our students.

Wellston Public Schools

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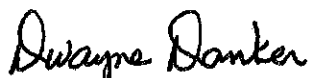
September 25, 2024

Oklahoma State Department of Education
2500 N. Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4599

To: Oklahoma State Department of Education

The Wellston Board of Education approved a Deregulation of Library Media Services for our middle school/high school site, for the 2024-2025 school year. Our school has experienced declining enrollment the past several years and our current total enrollment for the middle school and high school is only 222 students. Funding has also declined, causing us to cut some staff positions. The deregulation will allow us to serve our students with an experienced library media assistant, Eryn Ohl. Mrs. Ohl will be in the library each school day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. and have guidance from our elementary library media specialist.

Sincerely,



Dwayne Danker
Superintendent
Wellston Public Schools

