

**North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
Ed-Flex Partnership Act of 1999
Procedures for Granting Waivers**

NCDPI will accept applications from local education agencies (LEAs) or public charter schools. Note the district application may involve several schools and programs.

Ed-Flex Waiver Applications may be submitted at any time. The time from submission to NCDPI to final action may take up to thirty (30) business days.

The Ed-Flex Coordinator for the state of North Carolina will screen the *Ed-Flex Waiver Applications* for completeness and appropriateness.

Applications passing the initial screening will be submitted to the Ed-Flex Waiver Committee for review and approval. The Waiver Committee, which meets as necessary, will consider the following criteria when reviewing an Ed-Flex waiver request:

- The specific needs to address through the waiver and the reasons why these needs can't be met without the waiver;
- The link(s) between the waiver request and the School Improvement Plan;
- The link(s) between the waiver request and any possible waivers of state statutes and the regulations that are already in place or that are to be submitted;
- The specific changes to be made if the waiver is approved (instructional delivery, curriculum offerings, professional development, parental involvement, support services, school governance, school climate, etc.);
- The possible negative impact on schools not included in the waiver if the waiver is approved (e.g., the impact on the schools in the LEA if a school no longer eligible under Title I was to retain eligibility and funding resulting in other Title I schools receiving less funding than if the waiver wasn't approved);
- The steps that will be taken to ensure that the needs of the intended beneficiaries of the program to be waived continue to be met;
- Educational goals are measurable and specific for the schools and for the students affected by the waiver;
- Waiver clearly will assist the school in meeting those educational goals; and
- The applicant sufficiently addresses each of the Ed-Flex application requirements.

Districts will be notified of the granting or denial of their waiver requests after the Ed-Flex Waiver Committee meets.

Any district seeking a waiver must complete and submit an *Ed-Flex Waiver Application* to:

**Dr. Kenneth Kitch, Ed-Flex Coordinator
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Federal Program Monitoring and Support Division
6351 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-6351.**

For questions about Ed-Flex, please call 919.807.3857.