

The Oklahoma State Department of Education Announcement

Public Notice

The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) is providing this public notice to solicit comments from local educational agencies (LEAs) regarding the state educational agency's (SEAs) ability to grant LEAs a waiver of the limitation in Section 1127(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) which allows the SEA, once every three years, to waive this limitation if: (1) the SEA determines that the request of an LEA is reasonable and necessary or (2) a supplemental Title I, Part A appropriation becomes available.

Due to the reduction to federal education funds in FY2013-2014 brought on by the sequester, the Secretary invited SEAs to submit a request for waiver of ESEA Section 1127(b) to enable the SEA to waive the carryover limitation more than once every three years for an LEA that needs the additional waiver with respect to FY2013, Title I, Part A funds.

The OSDE believes that this waiver request will offer flexibility to the SEA to enable LEAs to conserve their remaining FY2013 funds in combination with FY2014 funds in order to spend their Title I, Part A funds thoughtfully over the next year on activities to increase the quality of instruction and improve the academic achievement of students as well as help more schools and LEAs within the state meet their annual measurable objectives (AMOs) by enabling them to direct their funds.

This waiver is for a one year period (FY2014) and will be reviewed on an individual LEA basis. LEAs that are granted a waiver with respect to FY2013 funds will not be eligible to apply for another three years.

Comments received will be forwarded to the USDE with the requested waiver. OSDE will accept comments beginning Thursday, April 18, through Thursday, April 25, 2013, via electronic submission or U.S. mail.

Comment Submissions:

Please submit your comments in writing to **Dr. Gloria Bayouth, Executive Director, Title I, IIA, VI, & X**, Oklahoma State Department of Education, 2500 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, or electronically to Gloria.Bayouth@sde.ok.gov.