

The Oklahoma State Department of Education Announcement

Public Comment

The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) is providing this public notice to solicit comments from local educational agency (LEAs) regarding the state educational agency (SEAs) ability to grant to its 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 a LEA is reasonable and necessary or (2) a supplemental Title I, Part A appropriation becomes available.

Because of the unprecedented increase in Title I, Part A funds under ARRA for FY2009, the Secretary invited SEAs to submit requests for waivers of the “once every three years” limitation to granting carryover waivers to LEAs. The Oklahoma State Department of Education applied to the Secretary and was granted permission to waive the once every three year carryover limitation, because of the ARRA supplemental Title I, Part A appropriation. The SEA was given the authority, for two years (FY2010 and FY2011), to grant its LEAs a waiver of the carryover limitation more than once every three years.

Although the Title I, Part A, ARRA funds have ended, OSDE believes that this second waiver request would be beneficial in allowing LEAs the flexibility it needs to spend its 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 upon approval by USDE.

This waiver is for a one year period (FY2013) and will be reviewed on an individual LEA basis. LEAs that were granted a waiver in FY2011 will not be eligible to request a waiver until FY2015.

Comments received will be forwarded to the USDE with the requested waiver. OSDE will accept comments between Monday, July 16, 2012, and Monday, July 23, 2012, via electronic submission or U.S. mail.

Comment Submissions:

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