

**The Oklahoma State Department of Education Announcement:
Public Notice and Comment**

August 14, 2012

The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) is providing this public notice to solicit comments from local educational agencies and the public regarding the specific waiver request for a one-year waiver of the Title I, Part A requirement for a local educational agency (LEA) to provide parents of eligible students with notice of their public school choice options at least 14 days before the start of the school year (34 C.F.R. § 200.37(b)(4)(iv)). This waiver would apply with respect to students in schools that are newly identified for improvement for the 2012-2013 school year. Comments received will be forwarded to the U.S. Department of Education with the requested waivers. OSDE will accept comments between, Tuesday, August 14, 2012 and Tuesday, August 27, 2012, via electronic mail or U.S. mail.

PURPOSE OF WAIVER:

Oklahoma was granted a waiver to implement a new accountability system referred to as the A-F School Grading Accountability System. To date, LEAs have not been notified of the School Improvement identification of their schools. Oklahoma anticipates providing preliminary A-F Grades and School Improvement identification in early September 2012.

The purpose of the waiver is to give Oklahoma and its LEAs sufficient time to carry out the assessment timeline as planned and thereby ensure accurate school identification schools and LEAs can properly implement school improvement to increase the quality of interventions instruction for students and ultimately improve the academic achievement of students.

COMMENT SUBMISSIONS:

Please submit comments in writing to Gina Scroggins, Executive Director, School Support/School Improvement, Oklahoma State Department of Education, 2500 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105 or electronically to Gina.Scroggins@sde.ok.gov.