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The U.S. Department of Education is providing states with program flexibilities to best meet the needs of students and educators during the COVID-19 national emergency. Currently, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, Section 4201(b)(1)(A) restricts activities provided by a program funded under the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers program (21st CCLC) to activities provided only during non-school hours or periods when school is not in session (such as before and after school or during summer recess). The Oklahoma State Department of Education is applying this waiver, which will advance student academic achievement by authorizing academic enrichment activities and other allowable 21st CCLC activities during times when school is in session. This includes when students are not physically present in school but are participating in remote or independent learning due to disruptions caused by COVID-19.

The Oklahoma Department of Education is providing all LEAs in the State with a notice and an opportunity to comment on this request. Comments are due via email to Sonia.Johnson@sde.ok.gov by Wednesday, September 23, 2020.