



JOY HOFMEISTER
STATE SUPERINTENDENT *of* PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT *of* EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Joy Hofmeister

DATE: December 16, 2021

SUBJECT: Deregulation for Library Media Specialist Certificate Exemption

The following school is requesting exemption from library media certification requirements pursuant to 70 O.S. § 3-126 for the 2021-2022 school year. A certified teacher will be used as the librarian while pursuing library media certification. Approval is recommended.

County	District	Waiver Years	Student Served
Okmulgee	Dewar	1 of 1	409

* The number in the County category represents the Congressional District.
See the attached map.

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Attachments

Section 42.8. Requirements for Exemption.

A. A school district may develop an educational improvement plan which includes exemption for the educational-related statutory requirements set forth in subsections C of this section and State Board of Education rules for the school district, a school site or any program, grade level, consortium of schools or school districts or other group within the school district. The board of education of the school district shall, through adoption of a resolution, approve the plan prior to application being made to the State board of Education.

B. Each educational improvement plan approved by the State Board of Education shall include the following components:

1. A description of the educational benefits to be derived;
2. A definition of the standards of the plan;
3. Development of definitive work products, such as site improvement plans and progress reports;
4. Demonstration of collaboration by teachers, administrators, higher education representatives, students, parents/families, and the community;
5. Development and the use of an assessment mechanism to determine progress in meeting the goals and objectives of the plan;
6. Development of an in-service training plan to be provided to personnel at the site who will participate in the project;
7. Report on the results of the plan to the State Board of Education and provision of appropriate technical assistance to other school districts and the State Department of Education as required; and
8. Explanation of how the plan will affect other schools, program or sites in the district.

C. Each educational improvement plan shall include a list of the specific educational-related statutory requirements and State Board of Education rules the school district is requesting an exemption from and why each exemption is necessary to success of the plan. The school district shall not be granted an exemption from federal educational-related requirements. A school district may request an exemption from any statutory requirement or State Board of Education rule not related to bilingual and special education programs, health and safety provisions, school finance, State Aid, pupil formula weights, teacher salary and teacher retirement, the Oklahoma School Testing Program, the Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program and the teacher preparation, examination, licensure, certification, residency and professional development system. The State Board of Education may grant district-wide exemptions from certification requirements for Library Media Specialist to districts experiencing a shortage in this area. The State Board of Education may grant an exemption from certification requirements for superintendents to any district with an unweighted average daily membership over twenty-five thousand (25,000). (70-3-126)

SCHOOL SITE STATUTORY WAIVER/DEREGULATION APPLICATION

for 2021 - 2022 school year

Oklmulgee
COUNTY

Dewar Public school
SCHOOL DISTRICT

P.O. Box 790
SCHOOL DISTRICT MAILING ADDRESS

Dewar
CITY

74431
ZIP CODE

Dewar Public school all sites 105,515,715
NAME OF SITE

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PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE*

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Todd Been
SUPERINTENDENT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

TPBeen@Dewar.K12.OK.US
SUPERINTENDENT E-MAIL ADDRESS

Todd Been
SUPERINTENDENT SIGNATURE*

DATE

I hereby certify that this waiver/deregulation application was approved by our local board of education at the meeting on December 1, 2021

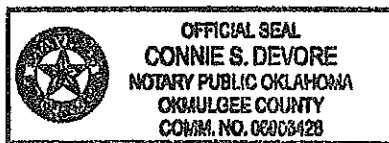
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BOARD PRESIDENT SIGNATURE*

NOTARY SEAL →

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NOTARY

12-2-2021
DATE

6-30-2022
COMMISSION EXPIRATION DATE



Statute/Oklahoma Administrative Code to be Waived:

(specify statute or OAC (deregulation) number; (see instructions))

70 O.S. § 3-126 Library Media specialist/wave- Construction Only

*Original signatures are required. The attached questionnaire must be answered to process.**

THE WAIVER/DEREGULATION IS REQUESTED FOR:

One Year Only
 Three Years*

*Please see instruction page for additional requirements for a three year request

SDE USE ONLY

PROJECT YEARS
1 of 1

ENROLLMENT

High School
 Jr./Middle High
 Elementary

409 District Total

12-7-2021
DATE RECEIVED

70 O.S. 3-126

OAC _____

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NAME OF WAIVER

- A. Reason for the Waiver request. Please include circumstances which necessitate hiring a non certified library media specialist. What alternative means will be employed if your waiver is denied? Where is the applicant is as it pertains to their pursuit of their course of study? What percentage of your student population will benefit from the waiver if approved?

Library media specialist/waiver certification only. We currently have a certified librarian (Mrs. Jean Ann Been) that is in the library 5 of the 7 hours within the school day. We have another teacher (Mrs. Ela England) with the degree but has not received her certification. This was a mistake on our part, as we thought she did have her certification. She is scheduled in December to take the test for it. We are asking for a waiver for the 2 hours Mrs. Ela England is in the library.

- B. List alternate strategies/plans which the district/site proposes. How does this plan best serve the students of your district, i.e., a description of the educational benefits to the students and learning achievement? Please list any negative impact if the waiver were to be denied.

We currently have a certified libraraian in the library 5 out of the 7 hours in the school day. The other two hours are being served with a teacher who has the degree, but does not hold the certification for library media specialist. This will give our school a certified librarian and access all hours of the day.

- C. Educational impact to the district: Results of the Statutory Waiver/Deregulation, i.e., effect on student performance levels, impact of plan on other sites in the district.

This will allow us to continue to have someone in the library for all hours of the day.

- D. Timeline: Please submit class schedule, calendars, assessment forms and other attachments as necessary.

Library media/waiver certification only.

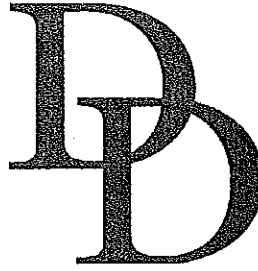
- E. Any financial impact to the District (positive or negative) for the proposed waiver/deregulation?
If positive please describe where the available would be reallocated.

There is no additional negative or positive impact financially for our district.

- F. Describe method of assessment or evaluation of effectiveness of the plan both for staff and students, I.E., TLE, ACT scores, graduation rates, RSA, School Report Card, etc.

Getting someone in the library all hours of the days will be effective for library use.

** You will be contacted if more information is needed to process this request.



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To Whom it may concern:

My name is Ella England and I am currently in the process of obtaining my library media specialist certification. I am scheduled to take the test on 12-3-2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ella England', located below the typed text.

EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

Registry Office
Ada, Oklahoma 74820-6899

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

* ISSUED TO STUDENT *

PAGE 1

Hicks, Ella M
15820 N Skyline Dr
Okmulgee, OK 74447

HS: Unknown or Unaccredited

GRADUATED: 1993
ENHANCED ACT: NOT AVAILABLE
I.D. NO: 443923239

BIRTHDAY: Apr/09/1975
TRANSCRIPT ISSUED: Aug/14/2002

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUC DEGREE May/06/2000 BY NORTHEASTERN ST UNIV TAH
MAJOR: ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE Jul/31/2002 BY EAST CENTRAL UNIV
MAJOR: M Ed (LIBRARY MEDIA)

LINE	COURSE NUMBER	TITLE	HRS	GRD	PTS
Spring, 2000 NORTHEASTERN ST UNIV TAHLEQUAH OK					
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUC WORK COMPLETED ON May/05/2000					
Summer, 2000 NORTHEASTERN ST UNIV TAHLEQUAH OK					
1	EDUC 5103	ED RESEARCH	3.00	B	9.00 G
2	EDUC 5432	SEM:GE SUM INST TRNG	2.00	P	.00 G
Att: 3.00 P Hrs: 2.00 Pts: 9.00 GPA: 3.00 Cmp Hrs: 5.00					
Fall, 2000 EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY					
3	LIBSC 5923	YOUNG ADULT LIT	3.00	B	9.00 G
4	LIBSC 5133	MATERIALS SELECTION	3.00	A	12.00 G
Att: 6.00 P Hrs: 0.00 Pts: 21.00 GPA: 3.50 Cmp Hrs: 6.00					
Spring, 2001 EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY					
5	LIBSC 5233	REFERENCE MATERIALS	3.00	A	12.00 G
6	LIBSC 5113	SCHOOL LIBRARY ADM I	3.00	A	12.00 G
Att: 6.00 P Hrs: 0.00 Pts: 24.00 GPA: 4.00 Cmp Hrs: 6.00					
Summer, 2001 EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY					
7	LIBSC 5973	CURR & THE MEDIA CNT	3.00	A	12.00 G
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Fall, 2001 EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY					
8	LIBSC 5982	SEM-OK BOOKS/AUTHORS	2.00	A	8.00 G
9	LIBSC 5982	SEM-FANTASY & SCI FI	2.00	A	8.00 G
10	LIBSC 5952	PRAC & PORTF LIB MEDIA	2.00	A	8.00 G
Att: 6.00 P Hrs: 0.00 Pts: 24.00 GPA: 4.00 Cmp Hrs: 6.00					
Fall, 2001 NORTHEASTERN ST UNIV TAHLEQUAH OK					
11	H ED 4383	CARE PREV ATH INJU	3.00	A	12.00
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Spring, 2002 EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY					
12	LIBSC 5373	MEDIA PROD & PLAN	3.00	A	12.00 G
13	LIBSC 5982	SEM-BANNED BOOKS	2.00	A	8.00 G
14	LIBSC 5981	SEM-MYSTERY-C & YA	1.00	A	4.00 G
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Summer, 2002 EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY					
15	LIBSC 5963	LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY	3.00	A	12.00 G
16	LIBSC 5213	CATALOG & CLASSIF	3.00	A	12.00 G
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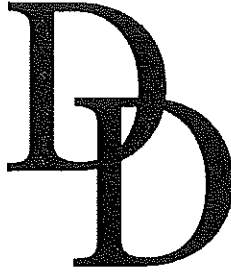
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Pamla Armstrong, Registrar

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I, Todd Been the Superintendent of Dewar Public School, am requesting a deregulation for library media specialist for the 2021-2022 school year. We have a library media specialist already on site with Jean Ann Been, but she is teaching two classes this school year. Ela England has the degree in Library Media but does not have the certification. Until the fall accreditation, we thought she had the certification. This was an honest mistake on our end, and thus is why we are late for the waiver. We had to wait for the November Dewar Public School board meeting for approval of the waiver, and December for the approval of the minutes before we can send this to you. Thank you for patience and understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Todd Been".

Todd Been
Superintendent Dewar Public School