



RYAN WALTERS
STATE SUPERINTENDENT *of* PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT *of* EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Ryan Walters

DATE: February 22, 2024

SUBJECT: Deregulation for Library Media Services

The following School is requesting deregulation for the 2023-2024 school year in order to provide library services to their students by an alternative means. Approval is recommended.

County	District	Regulation	Alternative Means
Delaware	Leach	OAC 210:35-5-71	Use a full-time library media assistant.
Oklahoma	Jones	OAC 210:35-5-71 OAC 210:35-7-61 OAC 210:35-9-71	Use a certified library media specialist for all three sites with a library media aide at each site.

* The number in the County category represents the Congressional District.

See the attached map.

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Attachments

210:35-5-71. STAFFING.

The school shall provide staffing for the media program through one of the following arrangements:

(1) OPTION A.

ENROLLMENT

QUALIFIED SPECIALIST REQUIRED

Fewer than 300

At least a half-time certified library media specialist (librarian)

300 to 499

At least one full-time certified library media specialist (librarian) or a half-time certified library media specialist (librarian) and a full-time library assistant.

500-999

At least one full-time certified library media specialist (librarian) and a half-time library assistant

(2) OPTION B.

ENROLLMENT

QUALIFIED SPECIALIST REQUIRED

Fewer than 300

At least one-fifth time certified library media specialist (librarian) and a full-time library assistant.

300 to 499

At least a half-time certified library media specialist (librarian) and a full-time library assistant.

500 +

At least one full-time certified library media specialist (librarian) and a half-time library assistant.

ADDITIONAL STANDARDS FOR MIDDLE LEVEL SCHOOLS

210:35-7-61. Staffing

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QUALIFIED SPECIALISTS REQUIRED

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500 to 999	At least one full-time certified library media specialist (librarian) and a halftime assistant
1000 to 1499	At least one full-time certified library media specialist (librarian) and one full-time library assistant
1500 plus	At least two full-time certified library media specialists (librarians) (92)

210:35-9-71. Staffing.

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500-999

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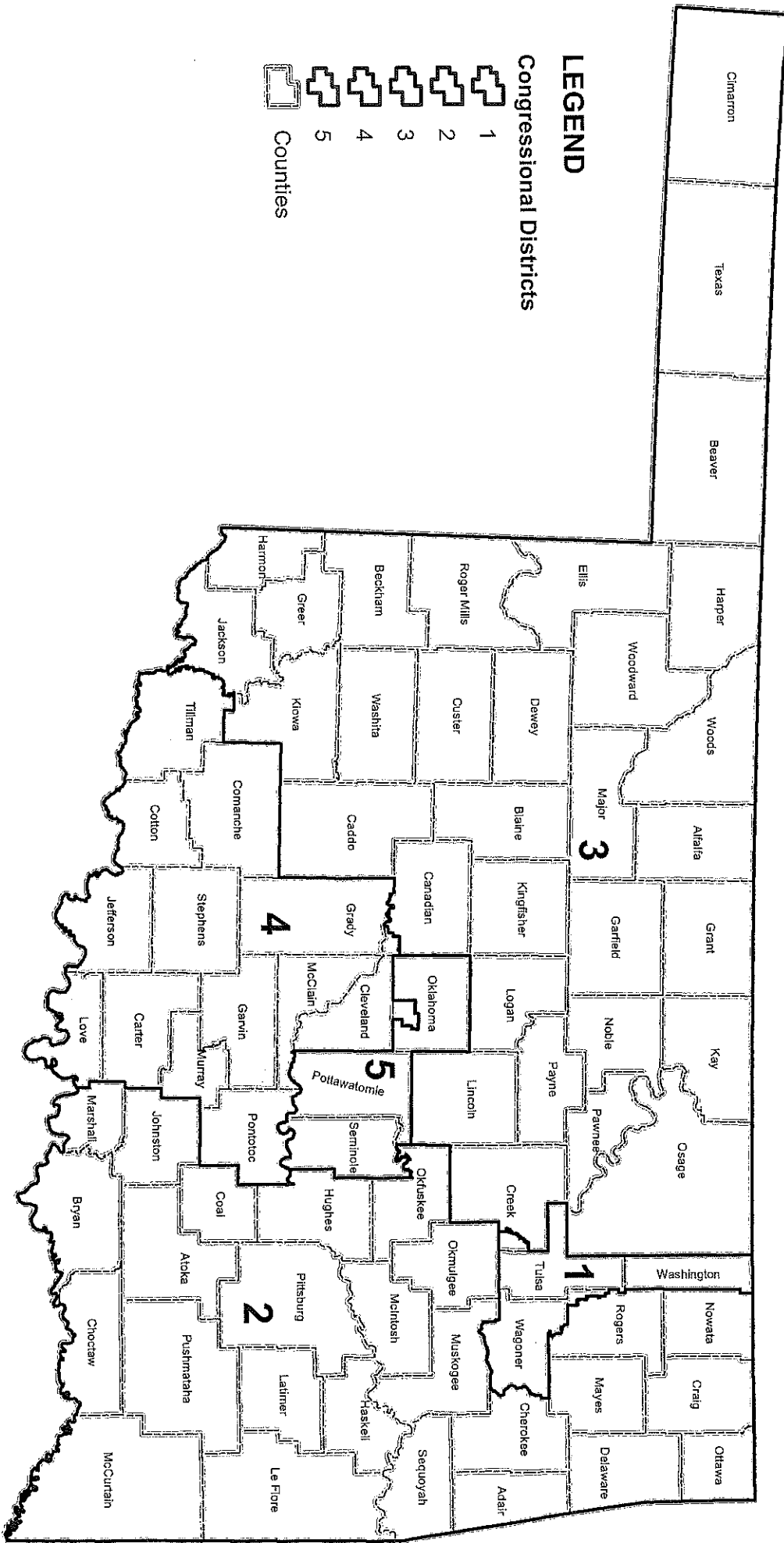
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At least one full-time certified library media specialist (librarian) and one full-time library assistant.

1500 plus

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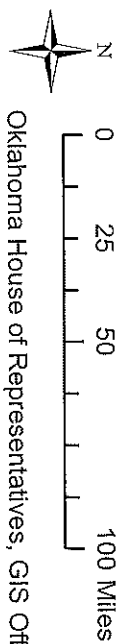
Oklahoma Congressional Districts Elections



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Congressional Districts

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Oklahoma House of Representatives, GIS Office

SCHOOL SITE STATUTORY WAIVER/DEREGULATION APPLICATION

for 20 23 - 20 24 school year

Delaware COUNTY Leach Public School SCHOOL DISTRICT

55979 S. 530 Road SCHOOL DISTRICT MAILING ADDRESS Rose, OK CITY 74364 ZIP CODE

Leach Public School NAME OF SITE

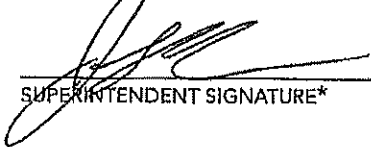
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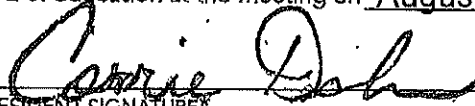
PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE* _____ DATE _____

Jimmy Reynolds SUPERINTENDENT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

jreynolds@leachschool.net SUPERINTENDENT E-MAIL ADDRESS

 _____ DATE 8-14-23

I hereby certify that this waiver/deregulation application was approved by our local board of education at the meeting on August 14, 20 23

 _____ BOARD PRESIDENT SIGNATURE*

NOTARY SEAL →

 _____ DATE 8-14-23

4-5-25 COMMISSION EXPIRATION DATE

Statute/Oklahoma Administrative Code to be Waived:
(specify statute or OAC (deregulation) number: (see instructions))

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

THE WAIVER/DEREGUALTION IS REQUESTED FOR:

- One Year Only
- Three Years*

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

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PROJECT YEARS _____ of _____

ENROLLMENT

- High School
- Jr./Middle High
- Elementary
- District Total

2-13-2024 DATE RECEIVED

70 O.S. _____

OAC 210:35-5-71

library media services NAME OF WAIVER

A. Reason for the waiver/deregulation request (be specific).

Leach School is requesting a Deregulation for OAC 210:35-571 Library Media Services. Leach is a small K-8 school in southern Delaware County. With the budget cuts from previous years and the limited budget this year, a librarian is not the most financially responsible way for Leach to spend its state dollars. In order to place a full time certified teacher in the library we would be required to increase class size for our students. The library is staffed with a full time assistant. It is also located adjacent to the administration office of the superintendent/principal.

B. List alternate strategies/plans which the district/site proposes, and how this plan will best serve the students of your district, i.e., a description of the educational benefits to the students and learning achievement.

Our library is staffed with a full time assistant that has been at Leach for 3 years. She is available at all times to help students. Also teachers come to the library on their planning times on a regular basis to assist students or the assistant. Our class sizes are small compared to many schools in our area. We strive to keep classes at a maximum of 20 students. If this waiver/deregulation were not granted, classes would be combined and the class size would increase. Educationally a smaller class size is a huge benefit for our students. The Library is open from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM every school day. Students may use it for research, checking our books, or simply reading. With the help of our assistant, Superintendent, and teachers our library is very efficient. A book fair is held each year that also increases our selections. This is all done with the help of our entire staff. Leach is a small school so our staff is very flexible and helps the library or wherever needed. Our students benefit from the small class size and the interaction with several staff members in our library.

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.

There will be no educational impact on our school by utilizing a full time assistant in our library. Our library has many quality educators on hand to assist whenever necessary. Leach Elementary is a K-8 and involves no other sites within the district.

D. Timeline: Please submit class schedule, calendars, assessment forms and other attachments as necessary, or described in instructions.

A waiver/deregulation can be granted for up to 3 years. (Please see instructions for additional requirements)

Our Library is open from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM every school day. The library is also available during the summer Monday-Thursday 8:00-2:00.

Calendar for the 2023-2024 school year is attached.

Schedule that highlights planning periods of teachers (help in the library 2 times monthly) is attached.

E. Any financial impact to the District (positive or negative) for the proposed waiver/deregulation.

This will be a positive impact to our district. To hire a certified librarian would negatively impact our school and cause class sizes to increase. We will save approximately \$40,000 dollars. This will be used to maintain classroom Teachers and software for student support.

F. Describe method of assessment or evaluation of effectiveness of the plan.

We will look at test scores (OCCT) each year.

A survey will be sent to parents, educators, and students to evaluate effectiveness annually.

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

**Leach Public School
Class Schedule 2023-2024
Plan Times**

	Coach	Sauceda	Cochran	Hicks	Whitaker	Hix	Carnell	PK -2 nd Grade
8:00-8:10								
Morning Meeting								
8:15-9:05	5/6 Girls Athletics	Science 7th	ELA 8th	5/6 Boys Business	Sped	3 rd Grade Reading	4 th Grade Reading	
9:10-10:00	5/6 Boys Athletics	Science 8th	ELA 7th	5/6 Girls Business	Sped	Reading Block	Reading Block	
10:05-10:55	PLAN	Science 5th	Yearbook 8th	6 th STEM	7 th Math	Reading Block	Reading Block	
10:55-11:35	3/4 Boys Athletics	Science 6th	ELA 5th	7 th Geography	8 th Math	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
LUNCH	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		Lunch/Sped	3 rd Grade Math	3 rd Grade Math	
12:35-1:25	3/4 Girls Athletics	Geography 6	Financial Lit 7th	8 th History	Math 5th	Math Block	Math Block	Plan
1:30-2:20	7/8 Girls Athletics	History 5th	STEM 7/8	PLAN	Math 6th	PLAN	Intervention	
2:25-3:15	7/8 Boys Athletics	PLAN	English 6th	5 th Cherokee	Sped	Intervention	PLAN	

LEACH PUBLIC SCHOOL | 2023-2024 CALENDAR

JULY '23						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

JANUARY '24						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

1 New Year's Day

AUGUST '23						
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7-9 Teacher-In-Service

10 1st Day of School

FEBRUARY '24						
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15 Parent Teacher Conf

16 No School

SEPTEMBER '23						
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4 Labor Day

MARCH '24						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

6 End of 3rd 9 weeks

11-15 Spring Break

22 Snow Day

29 No School

OCTOBER '23						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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12 Parent Teacher Conf

13 End of 1st 9 Weeks

14-20 Fall Break

APRIL '24						
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5 Snow Day

12 Snow Day

19 Snow Day

26 Snow Day

NOVEMBER '23						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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3 Teacher-In-Service
(NO SCHOOL)

17 Teacher-In-Service
(NO SCHOOL)

20-24 Thanksgiving Break

MAY '24						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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3 No School

9 Last Day of School

10 Teacher-In-Service

DECEMBER '23						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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31						

15 End of 1st Semester

18-30 Christmas Break

JUNE '24						
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Leach Public School

55979 S. 530 Rd.
Rose, OK 74364
918-868-2277
918-868-3501

Jimmy Reynolds
Superintendent

Board of Education

Corrie Drake
Ethau Horney
Robert Miller

State Board of Education,

Leach Public School respectfully submits our request to be granted a waiver/deregulation regarding a certified librarian at our school for the 2023-2026 school years. We have actively searched to fill this position with a part time applicant with no success. We have a full-time assistant to manage our library contingent upon your approval for our request.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Jimmy Reynolds
Superintendent
Leach Public School

SCHOOL SITE STATUTORY WAIVER/DEREGULATION APPLICATION

for 20 23 - 20 24 school year

Oklahoma	Jones Public Schools	
COUNTY	SCHOOL DISTRICT	
9200 N Hiwassee Rd	Jones	73049
SCHOOL DISTRICT MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP CODE

Jones Elementary School; Jones Middle School; Jones High School

NAME OF SITE Sign here	02/13/2024
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PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE* Sign here	DATE 02/13/2024
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PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE* Shawn Blankenship	DATE
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SUPERINTENDENT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)
sblankenship@jonesps.org

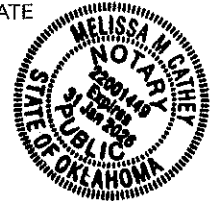
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SUPERINTENDENT SIGNATURE*	DATE

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Sign here	
BOARD PRESIDENT SIGNATURE*	

NOTARY SEAL →

Sign here	DATE 02/13/2024 mm/dd/yyyy
NOTARY	DATE
m/d/yy 1/31/210	
COMMISSION EXPIRATION DATE	



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PROJECT YEARS
_____ of _____

ENROLLMENT

	High School
	Jr./Middle High
	Elementary
	District Total

3-13-2024
DATE RECEIVED

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OAC 210:35-5-419-71
7-41
Library Media
NAME OF WAIVER Services

- A. Reason for the Deregulation request. Please include circumstances which necessitate changing the standard of library services for your size of school, what alternative means will have to be employed if your waiver was to be denied?

The district has not been able to fill an additional Library Media Specialist position. Current Library Media Specialist will serve all three sites with help of full time Library Aides. Currently, we don't have alternative options.

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

Due to financial constraints, Jones Public Schools decided to invest available dollars in the regular classrooms, keep the student count low and retain all teachers instead of hiring a full time media specialists. The district has a full time Library Media Specialists that serves all three sites.

Each of the libraries is staffed with experienced library aides full time. The current library media aides have been employed for several years and are highly competent and knowledgeable. They, along with full time library media specialist, are operating the library/media center for each site with no changes nor disruptions to the current schedule.

- C. Has this deregulation been awarded before? If so what was the educational impact to the district: Results of the Deregulation, i.e., effect on student performance levels, impact of plan on other sites in the district. If not what do you expect?

The deregulation was granted last year. There were no negative impacts to student performance or the operation of the district.

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

Each site library (3) will operate full-time, Monday through Friday, from 8:00am until 3:00pm daily. There will be no interruption to the normal library schedule.

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

The Jones School District will save the equivalent of 2 Media Specialist salaries (approximately \$80,000.00+ depending upon years of experience)

Due to financial constraints, Jones Public Schools decided to invest available dollars in the regular classrooms, keep the student count low and retain all teachers instead of hiring 2 full time media specialists.

- 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.

The school administration, along with the library personnel, will evaluate the library program at the end of the school year and submit a written summary to the State Department of Education.

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

*Jones Public Schools
9200 N. Hiwassee
Jones, Oklahoma 73049
405-399-9215*

HIGH SCHOOL
405-399-9122

MIDDLE SCHOOL
405-399-9114

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
405-399-9118

February 13, 2024

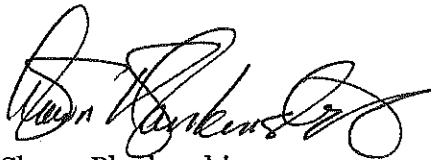
Oklahoma State Department of Education
Accreditation Standards Division
2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 210
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Despite our efforts, Jones Public Schools have been unable to secure full-time Library Media Specialists at each of our sites. As a result, we currently have one certified Library Media Specialist who provides services for all three sites, along with full-time Library Media Aides at each location.

It is essential for us to emphasize that each of our sites maintains a library that is operational throughout the entirety of the school day, inclusive of hours before and after the standard instructional period. We are requesting that the Oklahoma State Department of Education consider granting a deregulation of the existing staffing regulations for our libraries.

We firmly believe that this adjustment will enable us to better address the academic and informational needs of our students, while ensuring that our library facilities remain accessible and functional at all times.

Thank you for your attention to this important request.



Shawn Blankenship
Superintendent
Jones Public Schools