



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: January 26, 2023
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 2022-2023 school year. A certified teacher will be used as the librarian while pursuing library media certification. Approval is recommended.

County	District	Waiver Years
Pottawatomie	Bethel	1 of 1

* 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 20 22 - 20 23 school year

POTTAWATOMIE	BETHEL	
COUNTY	SCHOOL DISTRICT	
36000 CLEAR POND ROAD	SHAWNEE	74801
SCHOOL DISTRICT MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP CODE

BETHEL HIGH SCHOOL/BETHEL MIDDLE SCHOOL

NAME OF SITE

Jina S. Moore

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE* 12/16/22

DATE

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE* DATE

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE* DATE

DR. MATT POSEY

SUPERINTENDENT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

POSEYM@BETHEL.K12.OK.US

SUPERINTENDENT E-MAIL ADDRESS

Dr. Matt Posey

SUPERINTENDENT SIGNATURE* 12/12/22

DATE

I hereby certify that this waiver/deregulation application was approved by our local board of education at the meeting on DECEMBER 12, 20 22

Dan Allen

BOARD PRESIDENT SIGNATURE*

NOTARY SEAL →

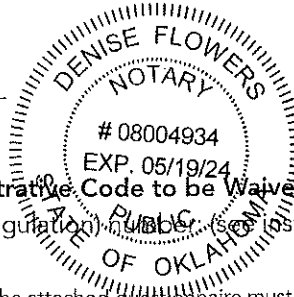
Denise Flowers

NOTARY 12/16/22

DATE

05/19/24

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/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

1207 District Total

RECEIVED DEC 21 2022

DATE RECEIVED

70 O.S. 3-1240

OAC _____

LM Specialist

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 as it pertains to their pursuit of their course of study? What percentage of your student population will benefit from the waiver if approved?

The currently library media specialist has resigned her position and leaving the district as of December 16, 2022.

- 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.

The district has identified a certified staff member to fill the position that needs additional college credit hours to satisfy degree and certification requirements.

- 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.

The district doesn't anticipate any effect of student performance levels and will not disrupt library media services for students in the district.

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

The district anticipates that degree/certification requirements will be completed during the 2023-2024 school year.

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.

The district doesn't anticipate any financial burden for the district in a negative or positive manner.

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 district will evaluate the progress of library media services through circulation documentation of books checked in and out of the library.

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

Dr. Matt Posey
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Shawnee, OK 74801

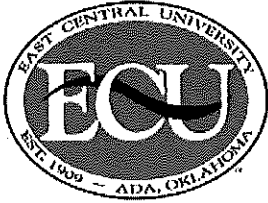
Dr. Posey,

Thank you for the opportunity to become the new Library Media Specialist at Bethel Public Schools. I am thrilled for this opportunity. With the acceptance of this position I will be completing my masters degree at East Central University. I have been communicating with the dean of the department and created a plan to complete this degree in May of 2024.

I currently have a masters degree in Education Technology. To obtain a maters degree as a Library Media Specialist I need to complete the core classes as well as a portfolio. I will begin the core classes in the Spring of 2023 and complete them in the Fall of 2023. In the Spring of 2024 I will complete the portfolio as well as taking my certification tests to become a certified Library Media Specialist. If everything goes as planed I will be a certified Library Media Specalist in May of 2024.

Thank you,

Calee Colvin



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Calee Colvin (0230997)

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Cumulative GPA:
 3.719 (3.000 required)
Institution GPA:
 3.719 (3.000 required)
Degree:
 Master of Education
Majors:
 Library Media
Departments:
 Education
Catalog:
 2021

Description

The Master's of Library Media is designed for graduate students planning to become a School Library Media Specialist in grades PreK-12th in public or private educational settings. The intent of the program is to prepare competent, certified School Library Media Specialists in accordance with state and national professional standards and guidelines. All areas of school librarianship, including technology, are emphasized. Special attention is given to the development of the student as a consumer of research along with a major emphasis on the knowledge, skills and attitudes that are necessary to become a School Library Media Specialist.

Total Credits 38 of 32
Total Credits from this School 38 of 23

Library Media - MEd

Complete all of the following items. **1 of 3 Completed.**

A. Library Media

Complete required course(s). A maximum of nine (9) semester hours of graduate credit transferred from other colleges or universities may apply, if appropriate, to the program.

24.00 Minimum Institution Credits Required. Institution Credits Applied: 12.00

Complete all of the following items. **3 of 5 Completed.**

1. Research, Measurement, and Statistics **1 of 1 Courses Completed.**

Status	Course	Grade	Term	Credits
Completed	EDUC-5113 Techniques of Research	A	2017SP	3

2. Program Core **0 of 6 Courses Completed.**

Status	Course	Grade	Term	Credits
Registered	LIBSC-5233 Information Resources		2023SP	3
Registered	LIBSC-5213 Catalog & Classif		2023SP	3
Not Started	LIBSC-5113 School Library Admin I			
Not Started	LIBSC-5133 Materials Selection			
Not Started	LIBSC-5923 Young Adult Literature			
Not Started	LIBSC-5973 Curriculum & the Schl Library			

3. Specialization **6 of 6 Credits Completed.**

Status	Course	Grade	Term	Credits
Completed	EDUC-5933 Survey of Emerging Technologie	A	2017SP	3
Completed	EDUC-5363 Prin of Instructional Design	A	2017SU	3
Fulfilled	EDLBS-5333 Adm & Use of Instr Media			
Fulfilled	EDUC-5003 Multimedia Technology			

Status	Course	Grade	Term	Credits
Fulfilled	LIBSC-5353	Literacy in the School Library		

4. Portfolio LIBSC-5952 requires departmental approval and should be taken in the final semester.
0 of 1 Courses Completed.

Status	Course	Grade	Term	Credits
Not Started	LIBSC-5952	Prac & Capstone in Lib Media		

5. Electives **3 of 3 Credits Completed.**

Status	Course	Grade	Term	Credits	
Completed	EDUC-5603	Survey of Intellectual Pro	B	2017FA	3
Fulfilled	EDLBS-5913	Advanced Children's Lit			
Fulfilled	EDUC-5082	Spec Educ Assistive Tech			
Fulfilled	EDUC-5233	Survey of Teaching Reading			
Fulfilled	EDUC-5263	Rsch & Instr: EI Lang Arts			
Fulfilled	LIBSC-5981	Seminar-			
Fulfilled	LIBSC-5982	Seminar-			
Fulfilled	LIBSC-5983	Seminar-			
Fulfilled	LIBSC-5984	Seminar-			

B. Institutional GPA

Must earn a minimum of a 3.0 GPA in major courses taken at ECU.

3.000 Minimum GPA Required. Current GPA: 3.800

Complete all of the following items. **1 of 1 Completed.**

Status	Course	Grade	Term	Credits	
Completed	EDUC-5933 (Extra)	Survey of Emerging Technologies	A	2017SP	3
Completed	EDUC-5113 (Extra)	Techniques of Research	A	2017SP	3
Completed	EDUC-5363 (Extra)	Prin of Instructional Design	A	2017SU	3
Completed	EDUC-5003 (Extra)	Multimedia Technology	A	2017FA	3
Completed	EDUC-5603 (Extra)	Survey of Intellectual Pro	B	2017FA	3
Registered	LIBSC-5233 (Extra)	Information Resources		2023SP	3
Registered	LIBSC-5213 (Extra)	Catalog & Classif		2023SP	3
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Fulfilled	LIBSC-5952	Prac & Capstone in			

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				Lib Media
Fulfilled	EDLBS-5333			Adm & Use of Instr Media
Fulfilled	LIBSC-5353			Literacy in the School Library
Fulfilled	EDLBS-5913			Advanced Children's Lit
Fulfilled	EDUC-5082			Spec Educ Assistive Tech
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Fulfilled	LIBSC-5983			Seminar-
Fulfilled	LIBSC-5984			Seminar-

C. Minimum Grade

No more than six (6) semester hours of "C" grade may be counted in the master's degree.

Complete all of the following items. **0 of 1 Completed.**

15 of 29 Credits Completed.

Status	Course	Grade	Term	Credits
Completed	EDUC-5933	A	2017SP	3

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	Technologie				
Completed	EDUC-5113	Techniques of Research	A	2017SP	3
Completed	EDUC-5363	Prin of Instructional Design	A	2017SU	3
Completed	EDUC-5003	Multimedia Technology	A	2017FA	3
Completed	EDUC-5603	Survey of Intellectual Pro	B	2017FA	3
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Other Courses

Status	Course	Grade	Term	Credits	
Completed	EDUC-5943	21st Century School Leadership	A	2017SU	3
Completed	EDUC-5183	Contemporar y Issues in Ed	A	2017SU	3
Completed	EDUC-5013	Adv Educ Tech Strategies	A	2017FA	3
Completed	EDUC-5983	Sem-Advncd Stratgy Effectv Tch	B	2018SP	3
Completed	EDUC-5133	Modern Philo of Education	B	2018SP	3

Status	Course	Grade	Term	Credits
Completed	EDUC-5702 Educational Technology Capston	A	2018SP	2

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January 13, 2023

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Office of Accreditation:

Please be advised that the Board of Education at Bethel Public Schools accepted the resignation of the library-media specialist in the December 12, 2022 regular meeting due to unforeseen circumstances resulting in the employee relocating to another area of the state with the professional advancement and career promotion of her spouse's job.

Due to certified teacher shortages and availability of qualified teachers in specific certification areas such as library media specialist, the district was able to fill the position internally with a qualified individual who needs additional college course hours to meet certification requirement. The Superintendent recommended to the board that an internal candidate be reassigned to the library-media specialist position to fill the need with the understanding that the employee would acquire the remaining graduate hours necessary to meet the requirements for certification. Additionally, the board also approved the library media specialist waiver/certification only application which was mailed the Oklahoma State Department of Education following the local board meeting.

Bethel Public School is respectfully requesting that the Oklahoma State Board of Education accept the waiver request previously submitted and this letter of explanation as it was received by the department after the December deadline and that you waive certification only for the library-media specialist position that serves Bethel Middle School and Bethel High School for the 2022-2023 school year (70 O.S.) 3-126). The library serves approximately 600 students in grades 6-12 between Bethel Middle School and Bethel High School buildings.

Should you have any questions or need additional information pertaining to the waiver request, please feel free to contact me at 405-273-0385, ext. 8193 or via email at poseym@bethel.k12.ok.us.

Respectfully,



Dr. Matt Posey, Superintendent
Bethel Public Schools

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December 11, 2022

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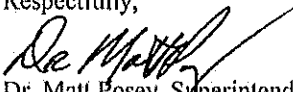
Bethel Public School is requesting to waive certification only the library-media specialist position that serves Bethel Middle School and Bethel High School for the 2022-2023 school year (70 O.S. } 3-126). The library serves approximately 600 students in grades 6-12 between Bethel Middle School and Bethel High School buildings.

The certified staff member that was serving in the capacity of library-media specialist tenured her resignation effective December 16, 2022 as a result of her spouse's job promotion and career advancement, therefore having to relocate to another area within the state of Oklahoma.

Due to certified teacher shortages and availability of qualified teachers in specific certification areas such as library media specialist, the district is seeking to fill the position internally with a qualified individual who needs additional college course hours to meet certification requirement. It is the intent of the district to offer employment while encouraging and supporting their pursuit of certification.

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Respectfully,


Dr. Matt Posey, Superintendent
Bethel Public Schools

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