

# Application of Waiver of Administrative Regulations

## Kentucky Board of Education



School District: Christian County

As superintendent of the named school district, I am requesting a waiver under KRS 156.160(2)(a) of certain specific Kentucky Administrative Regulation(s) promulgated by the Kentucky Board of Education. The waiver(s) is requested in order to remove barriers that exist to implementing certain strategies in our district designed to improve learning.

These waiver requests were reviewed and approved at a meeting of my district's Board of Education on: January 16, 2020

The approval is contained in the board minutes that are available for review at the district's central office. The original copy of this request is also available at the district's central office.

Superintendent Signature

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Today's Date

January 16, 2020

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Waivers are requested for the following Kentucky Administrative Regulations. **Please note: The Kentucky Board of Education can only review requests for waiver under the following "Titles" of the Kentucky Administrative regulations: 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 707. You cannot request a waiver for any regulation that relates to: health and safety; civil rights; federal law; and regulations related to state assessment and accountability. You may access the regulations at the [Kentucky Administrative Regulations web page](#).**

Please include the numerical reference and description of the regulation:

1. 701 KAR 8:020 (Section 3, subsection 4(4) Requirement for 12 hours annual char

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Please describe the justification for your waiver request. Include the specific language that you wish to have relief from and your expected outcome(s). Also include your plan to measure the effectiveness of the initiative you propose. Please reference the administrative regulation in your response and complete a separate text box for each regulation for which you are requesting a waiver. Add additional text boxes or pages as needed.

1. The Christian County Board of Education requests a waiver under the process allowed by the KRS 156.160(2) of 701 KAR 8:020, section 3 subsection 4 requiring 12 hours of annual training for the board of education members on the topic of charter schools.

The local board of education is the best choice to authorize charter schools since they have experience in district governance over schools and monitoring the progress. As of December 31, 2019 all Christian County board members have completed their required charter school training as required by 701 KAR 8:020, section 3 subsection 4. We are requesting that only new board members complete this training. This will ensure that all Christian County board members receive initial training regarding their role as a charter school authorizer. If the Christian County Board of Education were to receive a charter school application, then more intensive and specific training and on-going consultation will be immediately sought from KDE, KSBA and the GRECC co-op. This is the same type training that is used by SBDM councils for selecting a principal.

Currently over half of the training requirements are dedicated to charter school training. It puts a hardship on the members in receiving training that is most applicable to the current governance of the district. By doing this it really takes focus off of the advancement of student achievement in our district. The training needs to focus in areas of finance, ethics and policy development to the knowledge base as a charter school authorizer.

This approach would still ensure the Christian County Board of Education members the important foundational knowledge as a charter school authorizer and consultation is provided as needed. It will ensure that our time, energy and focus remains on serving our current 8,700 students in Christian County.