

Application of Waiver of Administrative Regulations

Kentucky Board of Education



School District:

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:

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

Print Name of Primary Point of Contact

Today's Date

Point of Contact Phone and E-mail

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:

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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.

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701 KAR 8:020 Section 3 (4) (a) (1)

The Henry County Board of Education is requesting a waiver of the required 12 hours of Charter School training. 702 KAR 1:115 stipulates training hours for board members on topics such as school law, school finance, superintendent evaluation, curriculum, policy development, etc. This waiver request is only for the 12 additional charter hours training each year until school year 2024. The rationale for this request is as follows:

1. The additional 12 hours of training is burdensome to board members, especially 'seasoned' board members. My board members have full-time jobs, have family responsibilities, and already attend numerous district functions. New board members are now required to have 24 training hours annually and 'seasoned' board members now must earn 20. Quality board members whom are well-rounded in home and community engagement are very discouraged by this additional requirements. Some of my board members considered resigning due to this additional requirement which caused myself [superintendent] to worry about being able to find new board members in a rural community.
2. The required number of training hours for charter training exceeds the quality content available for this much additional training. 12 hours each year for 6 more years is really not reasonable for board members, again, especially in a rural community. The likelihood that Henry County would have to authorize a charter is extremely slim to none.
3. As an authorizer of a charter school, if this ever occurred in Henry County, would place additional work on the existing district in 'overseeing' the charter school and all of the requirements covered in charter legislation. Please take a look at Henry County's Charter Board Policy to see exactly the requirements.
4. 4 years ago, Henry and 4 other districts partnered with OVEC to create an innovative school option to be available to our students that could be in control of their own learning is a non-traditional environment. The "i-LEAD" Academy was formed to meet the unmet needs of some of our students. Each of the 5 boards of education collaborated, developed, and implemented the i-LEAD Academy without the required arduous charter school training. Most all students in the Academy graduate with an Associates Degree and more. The 5 sitting superintendents comprise the i-LEAD Board of Directors.
5. I want to emphasize that Henry County is a rural farming community whereby many of our students are in high need to strong social-emotional learning as well

2. as meet requirements as required by KDE. Many of our students have incarcerated parents which makes the district have to address additional issues while maintaining our college/career readiness [transition] plans for them. If Henry was in an urban to suburban area this request might not have come to the KY BOE.