

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

Tim Bobrowski

Today's Date

1/8/2020

Point of Contact Phone and E-mail

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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:

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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. Pursuant to KRS 156.060 (2) (a) and Owsley County Board of Education School Board Policy 01.83 General Powers and Duties of the Board, the Owsley County Board of Education requests a waiver from Administrative Regulation 701 KAR 8:020 Section 3(4) (a) 1 requiring school boards to obtain additional in-service training on Charter School topics.

While Charter School Training would be beneficial for school districts who have received Charter School Applications, to date only one school in the state of Kentucky has received an application and it was denied by the local board of education and Owsley County Board of Education has not received such an application. Additional language may be added to the Kentucky Administrative Regulation to specify that "The authorizer, or its designee for charter authorizing, shall participate in annual in-service training once the school district contains a Charter School or has received a Charter School application."

The current requirement of twelve (12) hours of annual in-service training for local Board Members has added a financial burden to the district through providing training registration costs, travel reimbursements and lodging expenses for school board members. The additional required training hours have also placed a hardship on local elected school board members due to their time away from jobs and the resulting loss of income.

The Kentucky School Board Association provides multiple subject areas of training throughout the year that school board members are unable to take advantage of due to the Charter School requirement; such as Policy and Procedure, School Facilities, Construction/General Contracting, Liability & Insurance Requirements and Media/Community Relations. Expertise and knowledge in these subject areas would prove to be more valuable to the board member, as well as the school district.

Additionally, participation in the KSBA Academy of Studies has been eliminated because school board members are forced to take repeated sessions on specific topics and are not able to personalize training needs outside of required hours. Specifically, a school board member is not able to receive a well-rounded curriculum, thereby impairing their ability to make effective decisions for students and staff.

The Owsley County Board of Education feels that the Kentucky Administrative Regulation pertaining to mandatory Charter School training for local School Board Members should be specific and applicable to school districts that contain Charter Schools or have received Charter School applications within their representative district.