

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: *12-10-19*

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

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Today's Date

1-3-20

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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.

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The Pulaski County Board of Education respectfully requests a waiver under the process allowed by KRS 156.160 (2) of 701 KAR 8:020, Section 3 Subsection 4 requiring 12 hours of annual training for Board of Education members on the topic of charter schools.

School boards are the best choice for charter school authorizers since they have experience in district/ school governance and monitoring of progress. As of December 31, 2019 all members of the Pulaski County Board of Education will have received charter school training as required by 701 KAR 8:020, Section 3 Subsection 4. Moving forward, we request that only newly elected members complete this training. This will ensure that all board members receive initial training regarding their role as charter school authorizers. If the Pulaski County Board of Education receives a charter school application then more intensive training and consultation will be sought from KDE, KSBA, and other applicable professional organizations in fulfilling our role as authorizers. This training as applicable model is the same model employed by SBDM councils for the principal selection process.

With over ½ of current training requirements dedicated to charter school training, this puts a hardship on our members in receiving training that is most applicable to the current governance of our district and lessens our efforts to focus on and advance student achievement in our own district. In addition, much training such as ethics and policy development generalizes to the knowledge base as charter school authorizers.

This alternative approach would still ensure that Pulaski County Board of Education members have the important foundational knowledge of the role of charter school authorizer while allowing for the prioritization of time, effort, and resources in serving our current 8,500+ students.