

Possible Considerations When Determining School District Waiver Requests

1. How does the waiver support or complement the district's vision/strategic plan?
2. What are the specific benefits to students if these waivers are granted? What are the expected academic gains to the students if these waivers are granted?
3. What are the specific plans to implement the waiver (e.g., if the district is asking for larger class sizes, how are you going to do this; what is the largest you want to allow)?
4. Is the waiver consistent with district policy? It is important to recognize that the State Board may allow a waiver for flexibility, but whether the district can exercise it depends upon district policy. In the end, it is up to the district to effectuate the waiver.
5. What is the fiscal impact of the waiver? Will there be additional costs associated with this waiver, and if so, what is the source of funding? If funds are saved, what are the planned uses for the saving?
6. What effects will the waiver have on current academic, fiscal, or facilities distress status? Will the waiver help the district to alleviate the distress issues, or hinder the district's progress? Will the waiver cause any distress issues?
7. Will the use of the requested waivers cause any issues with the district's compliance with the Standards of Accreditation? Will the use of the requested waivers assist the district in resolving any accreditation issues?
8. How has the charter school effectively applied this waiver, and how do you expect to implement that effectiveness into your district?
9. Has your school board approved the use of the requested waivers? Do you have a board resolution?
10. Have you notified the staff that you intend to request and implement these waivers? If so, what methods of notification did you use, and how often were the notifications sent out/published, etc.? If you have not notified the staff, how and when do you plan on notifying them?
11. Have you notified the parents and the community that you intend to request and implement these waivers? If so, what methods of notification did you use, and how often were the notifications sent out/published, etc.? If you have not notified the parents/community, how and when do you plan on notifying them?