



Montana Office of Public Instruction Federal (Ed-Flex) Waiver Application Application Instructions and Information

Submit the completed waiver application via email to essainput@mt.gov OPI will accept Ed-Flex waiver applications on an ongoing basis. Completed applications will be reviewed at the monthly Ed-Flex Committee meeting. Applications that would apply to the upcoming school year are due by **June 1, 2026**. Individual programmatic waivers will be considered on an on-going basis, and start date will be determined by the Ed-Flex Committee.

Questions concerning Ed-Flex waivers should be directed to essainput@mt.gov

1. Applicant Information

LEA Name:	County:
Authorized Representative Name:	
Email:	Phone:
Superintendent Name:	Phone:
Board Chair Name:	Phone:

2. Individual Programmatic Waiver Information- Select all that apply

Indicate which programs are affected by this waiver request:

Title I, Part A (Basic Programs Operated by LEAs, other than section 1111)

Waive the carryover requirement

Waive the schoowide program eligibility requirement

Individual programmatic waiver: Specify the provision to be waived: _____

Title I, Part C (Education of Migratory Children)

Individual programmatic waiver: Specify the provision to be waived: _____

Title II, Part A (Supporting Effective Instruction)

Individual programmatic waiver: Specify the provision to be waived: _____

Title IV, Part A (Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants)

Funding Assurances [Section 4106(e)(2)(C)(D)(E)]

Waive the percent funding of the SSAE goals [Section 4106(d)]

Individual programmatic waiver: Specify the provision to be waived: _____

Check here if this is a **renewal** application. If so, attach evidence/data that the LEA met the criteria for the previous waiver.

3. Public Comment

20 U.S.C. § 5891b(a)(8) states that any local educational agency seeking a waiver must provide adequate and efficient notice of the proposed waiver.

How did the LEA publicize this request for this waiver and receive comments? Check all that apply:

Newspaper Press release LEA/campus newsletters LEA/campus website

School board meeting Social Media Other (specify)

Attach the minutes of the meeting when this application was approved.

4. Waiver Description

Fill out the table below to show how the requested waiver(s) will improve student achievement or decrease barriers to education reform. Include any other supporting data necessary as part of the explanation. Attach additional sheets as necessary.

- A. Specify the waiver sought; this should reflect the selection above under Part 2.
- B. Describe the purposes and overall expected results of waiving the requirement;
- C. Describe, for each school year, specific, measurable educational goals for each LEA, ESA, or school affected by the proposed waiver, and for the students served by the LEA, ESA, or school who are affected by the waiver;
- D. Outline clear evaluation criteria that will be reported on at the end of the waiver period;

A. Description: Specify the waiver(s) sought	
B.Purpose: how will waiving this requirement elicit results? What barriers or challenges would be addressed by the waiver?	
C. Goals and Expected outcomes. Describe the educational goals affected by the proposed waiver and for the students served.	
D.Evaluation criteria Outline clear evaluation criteria that will be reported on at the end of the waiver period;	

5. Evaluation Requirements

Ed-Flex offers the opportunity for additional flexibility in exchange for additional accountability. Each Ed-Flex waiver that is granted must be evaluated based on strict evaluation criteria. The OPI Ed-Flex Committee will establish the evaluation criteria appropriate to each type of Individual Programmatic Waiver requested. The criteria will be detailed in the waiver approval letter. At the end of the waiver period, the district will submit an annual performance report (APR) that will include a description on how the evaluation criteria were met. Submit the evaluation data to essainput@mt.gov

6. Renewals

If the district is applying to renew waivers that have been approved, please provide data to demonstrate that the evaluation criteria as described in the LEA's waiver approval letter have been met. Attach additional pages as necessary.

7. Certification

The waiver application will be evaluated based on criteria to be determined by the OPI Ed-Flex Committee. The signatures below indicate the district's assurance that it will provide an annual performance report on the evaluation criteria established by the OPI Ed-Flex Committee. If the evaluation criteria are not met at the end of the period for which the waiver is approved, the district is not eligible to reapply for this same waiver under the state's current Ed-Flex waiver authority.

Authorized Representative

Principal Name:	Signature	Date
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Superintendent (Required for all applications)

Superintendent Name:	Signature	Date
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Board of Trustees Chair (Required for all applications)

Board of Trustees Chair Name:	Signature	Date
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