

3 years

SCHOOL SITE STATUTORY WAIVER/DEREGULATION APPLICATION
for 20 25 - 20 28 school year

Murray COUNTY 50 Oklahoma School for the Deaf SCHOOL DISTRICT

1100 E Oklahoma Ave SCHOOL DISTRICT MAILING ADDRESS Sulphur CITY 73086 ZIP CODE

Oklahoma School for the Deaf NAME OF SITE

Sharon Berk PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE* 5/6/2025 DATE

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Heather Laine SUPERINTENDENT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

hlaine@osd.k12.ok.us SUPERINTENDENT E-MAIL ADDRESS

Heather Laine SUPERINTENDENT SIGNATURE* 5/6/25 DATE

I hereby certify that this waiver/deregulation application was approved by our local board of education at the meeting on 5, 6, 20 25

Melinda Gruendt BOARD PRESIDENT SIGNATURE*

NOTARY SEAL →

[Signature] NOTARY

6/04/2028 COMMISSION EXPIRATION DATE

Statute/Oklahoma Administrative Code to be Waived:
(specify statute or OAC (deregulation) number: (see instructions))

*Original signatures are required. The attached questionnaire must be answered to process.**

THE WAIVER/DEREGULATION IS REQUESTED FOR:

☐ One Year Only
☒ Three Years*

*Please see instruction page for additional requirements for a three year request

SDE USE ONLY

PROJECT YEARS
25 of 28

ENROLLMENT

☐ High School
☐ Jr./Middle High
☐ Elementary
☐ District Total

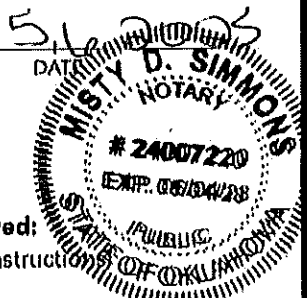
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OAC 210:35-5-71,
7-61, 9-71

NAME OF WAIVER
Library Services



Jane Bm

- A. Reason for the Waiver request. Please include circumstances which necessitate Saturday School, what alternative means will have to be employed if your waiver was to be denied, and what percentage of your student population will benefit from the waiver if approved.

The Oklahoma School for the Deaf Librarian retired in June 2021. It is very difficult to find a librarian who can communicate fluently in American Sign Language. I am requesting that I be able to place the certified teacher currently filling this position as the library media specialist for the 2025 - 2028

- B. List how this plan will best serve the students of your district, i.e., a description of the educational benefits to the students and learning achievement

The current teacher who is working in the library is certified in Deaf education, signs at the advanced level of ASL, has 7 years teaching in elementary, four years teaching middle school, and three years teaching high school. If the deregulation is approved, she will continue as the full-time librarian at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf. She is also working to get her Masters degree in Library Science. The educational impact will be positive for our students because the teacher is able to communicate in American Sign Language and know the students' reading skills using bilingual approach.

- C. Timeline: Please submit class schedule, calendars, and other attachments as necessary.

The release for deregulation (OAC 210:35-5-71, OAC 210:35-7-6, and)AC 210:35-9-71) for our library media specialist at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf for the 2025-2028. All of the staff at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf is required to use American Sign Language (ASL) for direct communication with the students and their families.

- D. Any financial impact to the District (positive or negative) for the proposed waiver? If positive please describe where the available would be reallocated.

The financial impact will be positive allowing the current teacher to continue in this position without hiring an additional employee.

- E. Describe method of assessment or evaluation of effectiveness of the plan both for staff and students, ie TLE, ACT scores, graduation rates, RSA, School Report Card etc.

Two satisfaction surveys will be given to the teachers - one in December and the other one in May. Statistics for the 2025-2028 school year will be compared to the 2022-2025 school year.

**** You will be contacted if more information is needed to process this request.**



OKLAHOMA
Rehabilitation Services



Oklahoma School for the Deaf

May 6, 2025

Oklahoma State Department of Education
Accreditation Standards Division
2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 201
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105-4599

This letter is to request for a statutory deregulation (OAC 210:35-5-71, OAC 210:35-7-6, and)AC 210:35-9-71) for our library media specialist at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf. All of the staff at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf is required to use American ZSign Language (ASL) for direct communication with the students and their families.

Different positions require different skill levels. The library media specialist is required to sign at an advanced level. It is extremely difficult to find a library media specialist who can sign at this level; therefore I am requesting that I be able to place the certified teacher currently filling this position as the library media specialist.

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Sincerely,

Dr. Heather Laine
OSD Superintendent