

3 years

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

Woods

COUNTY

Freedom Public Schools 76-1006

SCHOOL DISTRICT

PO BOX 5

SCHOOL DISTRICT MAILING ADDRESS

Freedom

CITY

73842

ZIP CODE

Freedom Public Schools 105/705

NAME OF SITE

[Signature]
PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE*

05/02/2025

DATE

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Freida Burgess

SUPERINTENDENT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

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SUPERINTENDENT E-MAIL ADDRESS

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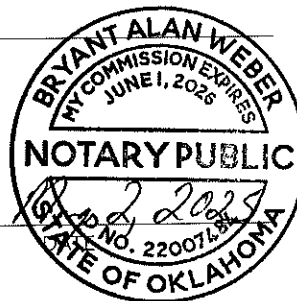
I hereby certify that this waiver/deregulation application was approved by our local board of education at the meeting on May 2, 20 25

[Signature]
BOARD PRESIDENT SIGNATURE*

NOTARY SEAL →

[Signature]
NOTARY

June 1, 2026
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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DATE RECEIVED

70 O.S.

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

Library Media Services
NAME OF WAIVER

June Bm

- A. Reason for the Waiver request. Please include circumstances which necessitate hiring a non certified library media specialist. What alternative means will be employed if your waiver is denied? Where is the applicant as it pertains to their pursuit of their course of study? What percentage of your student population will benefit from the waiver if approved?
Being a small rural district, finding a Library Media Specialist becomes very difficult, especially one who is willing to teach also. By hiring a non certified Library Media Specialist, we can focus on putting more funds into the direct teaching of all our students, instead of just the library. If waiver is denied we will continue to search for a suitable candidate is found for the position. If approved the waiver 100% of our students will benefit from the waiver.
- B. List alternate strategies/plans which the district/site proposes. How does this plan best serve the students of your district, i.e., a description of the educational benefits to the students and learning achievement? Please list any negative impact if the waiver were to be denied.
We plan to have classroom teachers serve in the library to meet the needs of the students in the use of the library. The secretary/administration will aid in helping in running the library as needed to make sure the needs are being met for all students in the library.
- C. Educational impact to the district: Results of the Statutory Waiver/Deregulation, i.e., effect on student performance levels, impact of plan on other sites in the district.
We believe this deregulation will not have a negative impact on our district. We hope this will make all teachers more familiar with the library and better serve our students.

- D. Timeline: Please submit class schedule, calendars, assessment forms and other attachments as necessary.

The library will be available from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm each day. All teachers will be trained on the library check in/check out system. Each teacher will have an assigned time to take their students to the library for checking out new books, listening to a lesson on library materials, or stories in the library by teachers and volunteers. Most of the restocking of books will be done by teachers during their planning period.

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

The deregulation will have a positive financial impact on our district in that we will utilize the current staff and will not have to hire another staff member to function as our librarian. Also, because the retired librarian has volunteered to help train the teachers and aides in the use of the library, we will not have to budget money for additional training. The district will continue to purchase library books, periodicals, and magazines for the library. We will continue to have a book fair each year. The funds will be used to that were to be allocated for the librarian will be used "to help make ends meet" with our other paraprofessionals. We have been drastically cut over the last several years. We basically receive no state aid. Funds will also be used to purchase materials for our EL students with high interest and lower reading levels.

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

As a method of evaluating the effectiveness of the plan, we will track the use of the library. We want to track both the student and teacher use. We want to assess the amount the library is being used and the types of resources being used. We would like to see both teachers and students using the library. The district would like to see resources used for both educational purposes and as well as books being checked out for personal use. The more students are reading the better their success in all their classes.

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

Freedom Public Schools

"Freedom to Learn"

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May 6, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

Freedom Public Schools is requesting for Waiver/Deregulation for the Library Media Specialist for three years. We are requesting for the Waiver/Deregulation for FY 2026, 2027 and 2028. With having difficulty filing teaching positions in rural Oklahoma, the waiver would help in relieving our District in having to immediately come up with one, especially being a very small rural district, where we cannot justify hiring a full-time Library Media Specialist due to needs of our district size, distance from other district to share one and other reasons.

We hope the OSDE will look at our Waiver/Deregulation Application and grant us our needed three waiver for the Library Media Specialist.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



Freida Burgess
Superintendent