

Procedures for Granting Waivers

- Any district seeking an Ed-Flex waiver must complete and submit an *Ed-Flex Waiver Application* to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Program Monitoring and Support Services 6351 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-6351. NCDPI will accept applications from the district. The district application may involve several schools and programs.
- *Ed-Flex Waiver Applications* may be submitted at any time. The time from submission to NCDPI to final action may take three weeks.
- The Ed-Flex Coordinator for the state of North Carolina will screen the *Ed-Flex Waiver Applications* for completeness and appropriateness.
- Applications passing the initial screening will be submitted to the Ed-Flex Waiver Committee for review and approval. The Waiver Committee, which meets as necessary, will consider the following criteria when reviewing an Ed-Flex waiver request:
 1. The specific needs to address through the waiver and the reasons why these needs can't be met without the waiver.
 2. The link(s) between the waiver request and the School Improvement Plan.
 3. The link(s) between the waiver request and any possible waivers of state statutes and the regulations that are already in place or that are to be submitted.
 4. The specific changes to be made if the waiver is approved (instructional delivery, curriculum offerings, professional development, parental involvement, support services, school governance, school climate, etc.)
 5. The possible negative impact on schools not included in the waiver if the waiver is approved (e.g., the impact on the schools in the LEA if a school no longer eligible under Title I was to retain eligibility and funding resulting in other Title I schools receiving less funding than if the waiver wasn't approved).
 6. The steps that will be taken to ensure that the needs of the intended beneficiaries of the program to be waived continue to be met.
 7. Are the educational goals measurable and specific for the schools and for the students affected by the waiver? Does the waiver requested assist in meeting those educational goals?
 8. Does the applicant sufficiently address each of the Ed-Flex application requirements?
- Districts will be notified of the granting or denial of their waiver requests after the Ed-Flex Waiver Committee meets.