

Administrative Rule Waivers Summary May 2016

The Department of Education has approved waivers from several administrative rule requirements, but the overwhelming majority fall into two categories: issuing high school credit before grade nine and certain teacher certification requirements.

Administrative and Instructional Staff

For the 2015-16 school year, 21 districts have approved waivers to allow teachers to continue on a plan of intent beyond the two years allowed by rule. This covers 26 teachers in 20 subject areas. The highest number of teachers in any one subject area is two.

Three school districts have waivers of the requirement that a teacher hold a 2.5 college GPA or higher in order to become certified through the alternative certification path.

Two school districts hold waivers for an aspect of the Instructional Staff rule in order to accommodate unique circumstances.

Administrators in 12 districts have an approved plan of intent to serve without an administrator's endorsement.

Credit before Grade 9/Course Equivalency

This continues to be the most commonly sought administrative rule waiver. A total of 114 districts have waivers in these two areas, broken down as follows:

Course Equivalency Waivers: 303 (40 districts)

Algebra: 62
Non-Algebra Math: 26
Science: 89
Spanish: 22
Social Studies: 96

Credit before Grade 9 Waivers: 257 (117 districts)

Algebra: 118
Non-Algebra Math: 26
Spanish: 12
Science: 19
Social Studies: 18

Below is a selected snapshot of Credit before Grade 9* passage rates:

Subject	Pass Rate – 2013-14	Pass Rate – 2014-15
Algebra I – State	56.1	29.0
Algebra I – District	94.1	97.5
Geometry – State	100.0	45.0
Geometry – District**	95.2	***
Spanish – State	42.4	60.3
Spanish – District**	89.0	73.9

*There are too few test takers in Course Equivalency to report out separately.

** Includes both EOC and Course Equivalency

** N size too small to report