

Office of Accreditation

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Administrative Rule Waiver Application

Credit by Equivalency Exam

Authority to Grant Administrative Rule Waiver

24:43:08:01. Waiver of certain administrative rules and Department of Education policies. The secretary of education may waive compliance of one or more administrative rules or Department of Education policies when requested by a public school district or approved nonpublic school.

24:43:08:10. Secretary's authority to grant waivers limited. The secretary of education may not waive a state statute. The secretary may waive an administrative rule promulgated by the Department of Education or the South Dakota Board of Education, unless the language of the rule prevents waiving. The secretary may waive established Department of Education policy and procedure.

Part 1 – District Information

School District:

Superintendent Name:	Phone Number:	Email:
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School Board President Name:	Phone Number:	Email:
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Part 2 – Administrative Rules to be Waived

Select the rule(s) the district is requesting to be invoked or waived:

Course Equivalency Exam

24:43:11:09. Course equivalency exam. Course equivalency exams may be administered by a district if the district has received the approval for waiver from administrative rule pursuant to chapter 24:43:08 to offer equivalency exams for a specific content area. The exam shall be standards based if applicable. Credit shall be granted by equivalency exam based on the following:

- (1) The student must pass the exam with at least 85% proficiency;
- (2) The course equivalency exam must be passed on the first attempt for credit to be issued;
- (3) Credit must be included on the student's transcript;
- (4) Failed attempts on the course equivalency exam may not be included on a student's transcript and may not be calculated as a part of a student's cumulative grade point average; and
- (5) The school district must proctor and score the exam.

Application Timeline

ARSD 24:43:08:04. Application timelines. An approved waiver shall take effect at the beginning of the next school fiscal year on July 1. The department must receive an application for a waiver at least 60 days prior to the start of a new school fiscal year July 1. A district may petition the secretary for consideration of an alternate effective date that is least 60 days after the department receives its application for a waiver. The secretary shall consider the quality of the application and the extent of its intended outcomes on student learning and enhancement of student opportunity in determining whether to grant the alternate effective date for an approved waiver.

Part 3 – Verification of Administrative Rule Waiver Intent

(a) List the school(s) the where the waiver will be utilized:

(b) List the Course(s) for which exemption is being proposed:

(c) Provide a description about the reason for requesting the waiver:

* Explain the reasons the district is requesting a waiver from administrative rule. The district must explain why the plans outlined in this application will better meet local learning goals, enhance educational opportunities, promote equity or increase accountability.

PART 4 – ASSURANCE OF RIGOR (Where applicable)

Describe the school district's plan for offering continuing educational opportunities in the waived content area, where applicable.

PART 5 - EVALUATION

Provide a detailed description of the plan for evaluating the effectiveness of the waiver in achieving the outcomes specified in the application and contributing to the school's continual improvement:

A school district or nonpublic school or program that has been granted a waiver shall implement its plan for evaluation of the waiver as required by ARSD 24:43:08:03. A public school district that has been granted a waiver shall include a report of the waiver evaluation in its annual review of its approved five-year district improvement plan as required by ARSD 24:43:02:01 (ARSD 24:43:08:08)

The South Dakota DOE Division of Accreditation will verify that the school improvement plan includes a component for evaluating the intent of all ARSD waivers held by the school/school district.

Part 6 – Length of Waiver

Intended Date for Waiver Implementation: _____
(This date is always July 1 for fall implementation unless the district requests and explains the reasons for an alternate date.)

Proposed Years of Waiver: _____
(Maximum of 5 school terms, which begin July 1 of each year.)

**If this is a renewal of a current waiver about to expire, an End of Waiver Term Report is required:
Submit this report with the application to renew.**

Part 7 – Approval by Local School Board

Date(s) Presented to School Board (<i>attach board minutes</i>):	Date Approved by School Board:
Signature of Superintendent/CEO:	Signature of School Board President:
Date of Signature:	Date of Signature:

Part 8 – Department of Education Review

Date Received:	Date Reviewed:
Name and Reviewer:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Approve	<input type="checkbox"/> Deny
Reason for Denial:	
Additional Documentation Required:	

Part 9 – Department of Education Secretary's Action

<input type="checkbox"/> Approve	<input type="checkbox"/> Deny
Reason for Denial:	
Signature:	

Send this completed application to the Department of Education, 800 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501 or doeaccred@state.sd.us.