

Tennessee Department of Education Employment Standards Waiver Application

Read and complete ALL sections of the application to ensure timely response.

Section 1 – General Information		
Last Name (First, Middle, Last): Keeton	First Name Jennifer Lee	Middle Initial B.
Social Security #: [REDACTED]	TN License#: 000261096	Expiration Date: 08-31-2017
Area Code + Phone Number [REDACTED]	Email Address: [REDACTED]	
Certificate Type(s) Professional	Current Endorsement(s) Held 413 416	
System Name: Hawkins Co	System #: 0370	
School Name: Keplar, McPheeters Bend Elem	School #: 0045 / 0060	
School Year: 2014-2015	Date of Hire: 7-1-2002	Date Educator Placed in Waiver Position: 8-5-2013
Subject(s) and Course Code(s) of Waiver Position to be Filled: Pre-K - 12 Speech / Lang Ther.		Endorsement(s) Needed for the Waiver Position: 498
Year of Waiver Request: (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st Year <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 nd Year (passed tests and/or enrolled in program, required) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd Year (all tests passed and evidence of progress in coursework, required)		

Section 2 – Recruiting and Staffing Information	
Approval criteria checklist:	RECEIVED AUG 29 2014 <i>Educator Licensing</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The waiver is being requested to fill a vacant, high need position	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The waiver is being requested to fill a mission-critical position [core academic, non-instructional leader]	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The school district has engaged in thorough, responsible position-specific recruitment efforts to find appropriately endorsed candidates for the position for which a waiver is being requested AND has been unsuccessful in those efforts	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The educator being recommended for the waiver is the most qualified candidate for the position for which a waiver is being requested	

Section 3 – Plans to Obtain Proper Endorsement	
Is applicant registered to take appropriate Praxis test(s): (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Praxis registration date :
Has applicant taken and passed appropriate Praxis test(s): (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Score(s) _____	Is applicant enrolled in a university/college program: (Check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Name of university/college program: East TN State Univ.	Number of program hours COMPLETED: 9

I hereby certify the information provided in this application is true and correct, and the district is in urgent need of a waiver.

Educator Name- Print Jennifer B. Keeton	Educator Signature/Date <i>Jennifer B. Keeton</i> 8/26/14
Human Resources Contact – Print Nedra Jackson	Human Resources Contact – Email nedra.jackson@hck12.net
Human Resources Signature/Date <i>Nedra Jackson</i> 8/24/14	
Director of Schools Name – Print Steve Starnes	Director of Schools Signature/Date <i>Steve Starnes</i> 8-27-14

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Section 4 – TO BE COMPLETED BY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teachers & Leaders Recommendation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Deny (See Comments Below)	
<i>Teachers & Leaders Name - Print</i> Jennifer M. Anderson	<i>Teachers & Leaders Signature/Date</i> 9/3/14
Kevin Huffman, Commissioner of Education	<i>Kevin Huffman, Commissioner of Education Signature /Date</i> HK 10/15/14
Additional Comments	

**Employment Standards Waiver Application
Frequently Asked Questions**

Question: Who can apply for a waiver?

Answer: Only school districts [not individual educators] may apply for waivers.

Question: Are there any restrictions on the endorsements for which the system may acquire a waiver?

Answer: Courses which conclude with an end-of-course exam for high school credit may not be taught on waivers.

Question: Where do I locate the Subject and Course Code(s) assignment?

Answer: The information can be found in the Correlations of Course & Endorsement Codes Document.

<http://www.tn.gov/education/districts/correlations.shtml>

Question: When must my system apply for a waiver?

Answer: A waiver must be requested and approved if an educator holding an Apprentice, Transitional, or Professional License is scheduled to teach more than one course or more than two sections of one course outside the area of endorsement.

Question: What supplemental information or documents should we provide in order to strengthen this application?

Answer: Evidence [original or photocopied documentation] that the educator for whom the waiver is being requested is actively pursuing or engaged in coursework to obtain the endorsement AND/OR registered to take the relevant Praxis exam.

Question: How long is an approved waiver valid?

Answer: One academic year [July 1 – June 30]. Waivers must be renewed each year and must include evidence of the applicant's progression toward the additional endorsement.

Question: Where can I send this application?

Answer: Please send completed application and supporting documentation to: Tennessee Department of Education, Office of Educator Licensing, 12th floor, 710 James Robertson Pkwy, Nashville TN 37243-0376. Completed applications can be faxed to (615) 532-1448 or emailed to Education.Licensing@tn.gov.

Question: If the waiver application is denied, what should we do?

Answer: The system should develop a plan to recruit an educator with the proper endorsement.

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