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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): Walsh		First Name Joel	Middle Initial B
Social Security #: [REDACTED]	TN License #: 000560826 ✓	Expiration Date: 8/31/2021 ✓ <i>one</i>	
Area Code + Phone Number [REDACTED]	Email Address [REDACTED] <i>one</i>		
Certificate Type(s) Apprentice Teacher ✓	Current Endorsement(s) Held 407 English 7-12, 415 Biology 7-12 ✓ <i>one</i>		
System Name: LEAD Public Schools	System #: 190 ✓ (same as MNPS)		
School Name: Brick Church College Prep	School #: 118 ✓		
School Year: 2014-15 ✓	Date of Hire: 7/1/14	Date Educator Placed in Waiver Position: 1/5/15	
Subject(s) and Course Code(s) of Waiver Position to be Filled: 5th grade science - 10507 ✓		Endorsement(s) Needed for the Waiver Position: 440 Middle grades 4-8 ✓	
Year of Waiver Request: (Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 st Year <input 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:

The waiver is being requested to fill a vacant, high need position DEC 29 2014

The waiver is being requested to fill a mission-critical position [core academic, non-instructional leader] Educator Licensing

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

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: Joel will register over winter break
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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Name of university/college program: N/A	Number of program hours COMPLETED: N/A

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 Joel Walsh	Educator Signature/Date <i>[Signature]</i>
Human Resources Contact - Print Ainta Mitchum	Human Resources Contact - Email amitchum@leadpublicschools.org
Human Resources Signature/Date <i>[Signature]</i>	Human Resources Signature/Date Ainta Mitchum
Director of Schools Name - Print Adrienne Ussted	Director of Schools Signature/Date <i>[Signature]</i> 12/19/14

Submit completed application to:
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Section 4 – TO BE COMPLETED BY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Teachers & Leaders Recommendation
 Approve Deny (See Comments Below)

<i>Teachers & Leaders Name - Print</i> Jennifer Anderson	<i>Teachers & Leaders Signature/Date</i> Jennifer M Anderson 2/24/15
<i>Dr. Candice McQueen, Commissioner of Education</i>	<i>Dr. Candice McQueen Commissioner of Education Signature /Date</i> Candice McQueen HC 3/12/15
<i>Additional Comments</i>	

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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