

Public Notice from the Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) for Waiver Request to the U.S. Department of Education

Notice to the public of OSPI’s intent to apply to the U.S. Department of Education for a waiver to waive the provision on approving an identified school or local educational agency as a supplemental educational service (SES) provider.

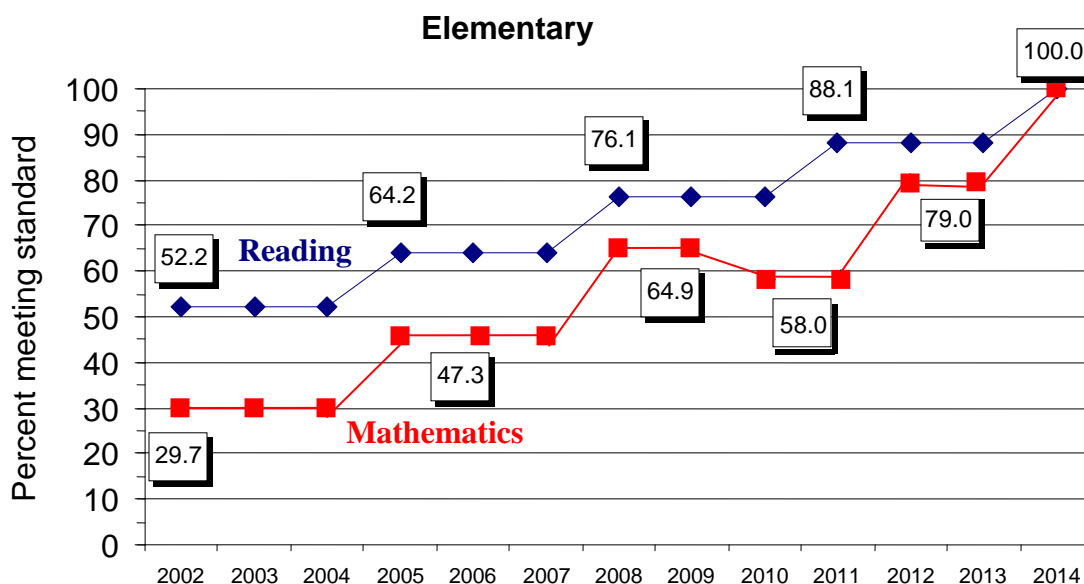
The Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is required to notify the public that the agency is requesting from the United States Department of Education (ED) a one-year waiver of the Title I, Part A regulatory provision that prohibits a State from approving as providers of supplemental educational services (SES) schools identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring, and local educational agencies (LEAs) identified for improvement or corrective action [34 C.F.R. § 200.47(b)(1)(iv)(A),(B)]. Comments regarding this request must be submitted to OSPI by **May 2, 2014**. This information will be included in the waiver request to ED. Please direct your comments to Gayle Pauley, Director of Title I/LAP and CPR, at: gayle.pauley@k12.wa.us.

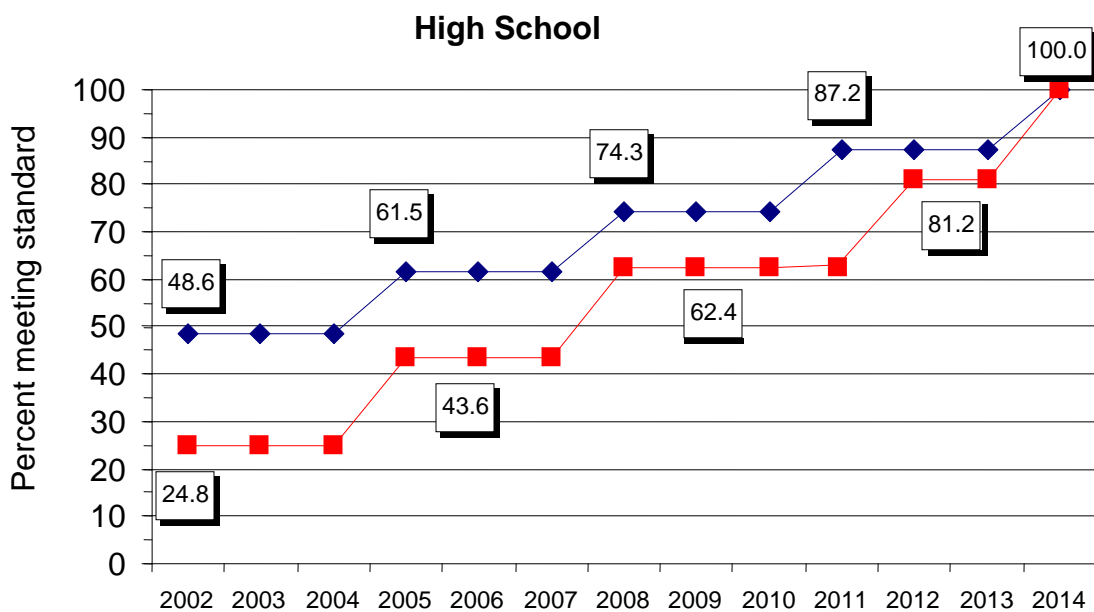
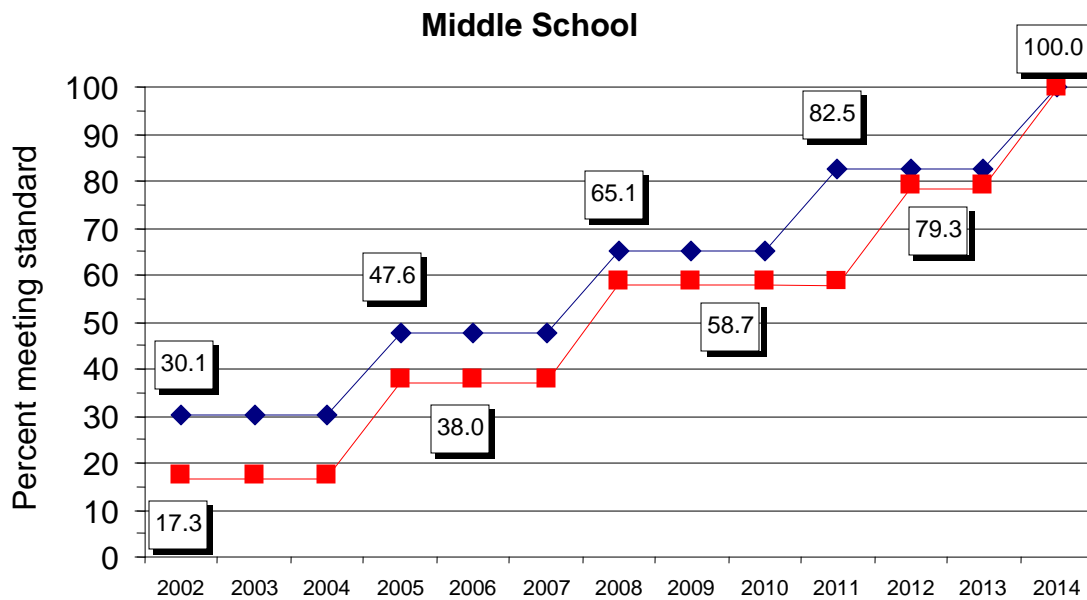
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Under the law, OSPI may approve as an SES provider only an entity that has a demonstrated record of effectiveness in increasing student academic achievement. Washington believes that identified schools and LEAs may be able to establish that they have an effective program that can help improve academic achievement of students and should not be prevented automatically from gaining approval simply because of their improvement status.

Washington is in the process of reinstating the following elementary, middle, and high school state uniform bar goals in reading and mathematics for 2014. This is a result of Washington’s loss of the state’s ESEA Flexibility Request (Waiver). Reading/language arts and mathematics are among those content areas that will be covered by SES providers in Washington for the 2014–15 school year:

Elementary, Middle, and High School State Uniform Bar Goals
Baseline Based on 3-year Average 20th Percentile (2000–2002)





Washington will determine adequate yearly progress (AYP) based on assessments administered in the 2013–14 school year in accordance with the requirements of section III (b)(2) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA).

Washington believes that, ultimately, allowing some identified schools or LEAs to serve as SES providers will help more students within Washington to reach the State's proficiency objectives.

If granted the requested waiver, Washington will ensure that only those LEAs and schools that meet the State's requirements for SES providers are approved to be on the State's list of approved SES providers for the 2014–15 school year.

In summary, OSPI assures that, if granted the requested waiver, the agency will submit to the U.S. Department of Education, by September 30, 2014, a report that provides the total number of LEAs identified for improvement or corrective action that were approved to be an SES provider for the 2014–15

school year and the total number of schools identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that were approved to be an SES provider for the 2014–15 school year.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Gayle Pauley, Director of Title I/LAP and CPR at (360) 725-6100 or email gayle.pauley@k12.wa.us.