**Special 180-Day School Year Waiver Request**

**Remote Learning Professional Development – 2020–21 Only**

As part of the basic education requirements in Washington state, each local education agency (LEA\*) must make a minimum of 180 school days available to students each school year. LEAs must also provide at least 1,000 annual instructional hours to students in kindergarten through 8th grade, and at least 1,080 annual instructional hours to students in grades 9–12 (a district-wide average of at least 1,027 hours in grades 1–12). LEAs receive state funding based on the number of students who are enrolled in the district for an average of 1,027 instructional hours over 180 school days. (\**LEAs include public school districts, state-tribal education compact schools, and charter schools.)*

At the beginning of summer, we all hoped that the public health situation related to the COVID-19 pandemic would allow for students to return to in-person learning for the 2020–21 school year. However, many LEAs in Washington are finding themselves needing to, again, provide remote learning to most or all of their students. Recognizing that many LEAs were planning for an in-person model but now must pivot to a remote learning model for the beginning of the school year, this 180-day school waiver application is being offered to provide LEAs an opportunity to deliver professional development to assist LEA staff in meeting the needs of their students remotely. LEAs operating with an existing regular school day waiver are eligible to apply for this one-time school day waiver for the purposes of remote learning professional development for the 2020–21 school year.

**The Waiver Application Package must be submitted to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) at** **waivers@k12.wa.us** **and must include all of the following documents to be considered:**

1. Completed Waiver Application Form (see next page).
2. Proposed school calendar for 2020–21 school year.
3. A resolution adopted by the school district board of directors requesting the waiver. The resolution must identify/provide:
	1. The basic education program requirement for which the waiver is requested.
	2. The school year for which the waiver is requested.
	3. The number of days in the school year for which the waiver is requested.
	4. Information on how the waiver will support improving student achievement.
	5. A statement attesting that the district will meet the minimum instructional hours requirement of RCW 28A.150.220(2) under the waiver plan.

For LEAs that are unable to submit a formally adopted board resolution before the beginning of the school year, OSPI will provisionally approve the application if all other requirements are met. To receive provisional approval, the superintendent and board chair/president must submit a statement indicating the district’s intention to request the waiver days and acknowledging that the LEA must submit an approved resolution by October 30, 2020.

**Special 180-Day School Year Waiver for Remote Learning**

**Professional Development (School Year 2020–21)**

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| Local Education Agency (LEA): Click or tap here to enter text. |
| LEA Superintendent: Click or tap here to enter text.Email: Click or tap here to enter text. Phone: Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Person submitting application (if different): Click or tap here to enter text.Email: Click or tap here to enter text. Phone: Click or tap here to enter text.  |

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| Choose an item. | The LEA board of directors passed a resolution for the special waiver. The signed resolution is included with this special waiver application package. \*If “No”: To be considered for provisional approval, the superintendent and board chair/president must submit a statement indicating the district’s intention to seek the waiver days, indicating when the board will consider the resolution, and acknowledging that the LEA must submit an approved resolution by October 30, 2020 in order to received funding for the special waiver days. |
| Number of days requested (up to 7) |  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Choose an item. | The purpose of this waiver request is to provide professional development days in order to effectively deliver remote learning to students in the LEA. If no, please explain:  |
| Briefly describe specific professional development activities for the proposed waiver days: Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Choose an item. | LEA has a waiver plan that meets all requirements in WAC 180-18-040 and 180-18-050 and related RCWs (as cited). |
| Choose an item. | LEA will meet the annual instructional hour requirement for SY20–21. If no, please explain: |
| Choose an item. | The purpose and goals of the district’s waiver plan are closely aligned with school improvement plans under WAC 180-16-220 and any district improvement plan.  |
| Choose an item. | The waiver plan identifies goals related to student achievement (specific, measurable, attainable, evidence). |
| Briefly describe the participation in developing waiver plan by administrators, teachers, other district staff, parents/guardians, and the community. Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Briefly describe how the district considered equity in the development of the plan. This may include, but is not limited to an equity analysis, community feedback, or other means to assess the consequences of the waiver. Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  Provide a link or copy of the collective bargaining agreement. |