

SBE Waiver Information and Considerations
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Type of Waiver	What is allowed/ not allowed	Examples	Considerations
<p>1 year waiver from the Standards for Accreditation</p>	<p>The State Board of Education may grant a waiver of any Standard for Accreditation for no longer than one (1) school year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no curricula, student performance, school performance, or any standard required by law may be waived under this provision 	<p>class size, teaching load, 178 days of student/teacher interaction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actions the districts is taking to correct the situation Does the district have other viable options? Has the district been proactive in trying to uphold the standards and meet the needs of students?
<p>Act 1240</p>	<p>A district may petition the State Board of Education for all or some of the waivers granted to an open-enrollment public charter school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Districts may only request waivers that <i>enhance student learning opportunities, promote innovation, or increase equitable access to effective teachers.</i> Waivers requested for the sole purpose of avoiding violations of the Standards for Accreditation shall not be granted. Waivers may be requested for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standards for Accreditation Division Rules; Statutes of the Arkansas Code. <p>A district may not request any of the following waivers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring compliance with Title 6 of the Arkansas Code, as determined by the Commissioner; Public school accountability under Title 6 of the Arkansas Code; High school graduation requirements as established by the State Board; 	<p>Licensure (teacher and LMS), class size, teaching load, Library Media program, instructional day,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the request solely to avoid a violation of SfA? Has the district provided information in the request to justify how student learning opportunities will be enhanced? Has the district described the innovation that the waiver request will allow them to pursue? How will the request provide increased access to effective teachers?

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Special education programs as provided by Title 6 of the Arkansas Code; ○ Conducting criminal background checks for employees as provided by Title 6 of the Arkansas Code; ○ Health and safety codes as established by the State Board and local governmental entities; ○ Arkansas Qualified Teacher Requirements; ○ Ethical guidelines and prohibitions as established by Ark. Code Ann. §6-24-101 et seq., and any other controlling state or federal law regarding ethics or conflicts of interest; and ○ Reporting through the Arkansas Public School Computer Network applications as provided under Title 6 of the Arkansas Code. 		
<p>Licensure Exceptions (State Board approved through licensure rules)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Additional Licensure Plan (ALP) ● Long-term sub (LTS) ● Emergency Teaching Permit (ETP)- may be granted for 1 year and extended for AQT ● Provisional Professional Teaching License (PPTL) 	<p>ALP- Certified Teachers adding areas of endorsement;</p> <p>LTS- Individuals who are subbing for a Teacher of Record for more than 30 days</p> <p>ETP-Individuals with at least a bachelor's degree, content-area expertise that are filling a vacancy;</p> <p>PPTL- Licensure pathway for degreed career changes who have content expertise and working toward meeting licensure requirements</p>	<p>Have these options been exhausted when a district requests an Act 1240 waiver?</p>