

2014-2015 Waivers of State Board of Education Policies and Regulations, Superintendent's Interpretations and State Statutes and Legislative Rules

**July 2015
(Information)**

West Virginia Code §18-5A-3. *Authority and procedures for local school improvement councils to request waivers of certain rules, policies and interpretations* states:

“The state board shall submit a report to the legislative oversight commission on education accountability and the governor each year summarizing the proposed alternatives received, approved or rejected, continued or revoked during the preceding school year and the results and findings of the evaluations. The report shall specifically identify all policy, rule, and interpretation waiver requests including those requests made to county boards by local school improvement councils received during the preceding year and the disposition of each.”

The following chart provides information on 19 waiver requests received by the West Virginia Board of Education during the 2014-2015 school year and the disposition of each request; 19 were approved. Of the 19 requests that were approved, 15 were first time requests and four (4) were for requests to continue existing waivers. 14 of the 55 county school systems requested at least one waiver of WVBE policy. Specific policies requested for waiver were: nine (9) for WVBE Policy 2445.40: *Rules for Granting Exemptions to the Legal Requirements for the Adoption & Utilization of Textbook Programs*; nine (9) for WVBE Policy 2510: *Assuring Quality of Education: Regulations for Education Programs*; one (1) WVBE Policy 4110: *Attendance Policy*; one (1) 2320: *A Process for Improving Education: Performance Based Accreditation System*; one (1) 2520.2B: *Next Generation Content Standards and Objectives for Mathematics in West Virginia Schools*.

During the 2014-2015 school year the number of waiver request significantly decreased due to change in WVBE policy 2510 which provided for counties to adopt local policy on dual credit policies instead of requesting waivers. During the 2013-2014 school year 61 waivers for dual credit courses were requested.

Waivers – July 1, 2014-June 30,2015**

Month	# of Waivers			Policies					Counties
	New	Continuing	Denied	2510	2445.40	2520.2B	4110		
July 2014	2				2				Gilmer, Jackson
August	1			1					Kanawha
September	2	1		2	1				Pocahontas, Putnam, WVDE
October									
November		1		1					Marshall
December									
January 2015	3	1		3		1			Kanawha, Marion, WVDE
February									
March	1				1				Calhoun
April									
May	2			1	1				Cabell, Harrison
June	4	1		1	4		1		Hampshire, Hancock, Hardy, Tyler
Totals	15	4		9	9	1	1		14 of 55 counties requested waivers of WVBE policies and the WVDE

**Total of 19 waiver requests; 19 (100%) were approved