

Public Comment on Application for the Educational Flexibility (Ed-Flex) Program

The Educational Flexibility (Ed-Flex) program is authorized under the Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999 and was reauthorized by section 9207 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The Ed-Flex program allows the Secretary to authorize a State educational agency that serves an eligible State to waive statutory or regulatory requirements applicable to one or more the included programs for any local educational agency (LEAs), educational service agency, or school within the State.

Each SEA seeking waiver authority and each LEA, educational service agency, or school seeking a waiver under the Ed-Flex program must:

1. Provide the public with adequate and efficient notice of the proposed waiver authority or waiver, consisting of a description of the agency's application for the proposed waiver authority or waiver on each agency's website, including a description of any improved student performance that is expected to result from the waiver authority or waiver;
2. Provide the opportunity for parents, educators, school administrators, and all other interested members of the community to comment regarding the proposed waiver authority or waiver;
3. Provide the opportunity in accordance with any applicable State law specifying how the comments may be received, and how the comments may be reviewed by any member of the public; and
4. Submit the comments received with the application of the agency or school to the Secretary or the SEA, as appropriate.

Public comment on the application described above may be submitted via this Google Form. Questions or additional comment may be accepted by email to jonas.zuckerman@dpi.wi.gov, or by mail to the Department of Public Instruction, Attn: Jonas Zuckerman, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707. Public comments should be submitted no later than December 11, 2019, to receive consideration.

Further information regarding the draft application is available to review at

https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/esea/pdf/Wisconsin_ed_flex_application_draft_for_public_comment_Nov_2019.pdf.

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Wisconsin Indian Education Association

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Suggestions from Wisconsin Indian Education Association (WIEA) Hands on workshop at the upcoming WIEA Conference April 17-18 in Milwaukee to address the licensure process, whereby applicants can bring their application paperwork to the workshop for assistance in processing.

In addition, keep the conversation at a forefront at WIEA events. Next event is our annual WIEA Legislative Breakfast on Wednesday February 12 Best Western from 8:00am-10:00am.

WIEA is considered a strong partner with DPI and we support the Educational Flexibility Program initiatives that can help build our Tribal Communities in Education.

Thank you,

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