

State of Maine
Department of Education

Gifted and Talented Educational Program
Application for One-Year Waiver
2015-16

Gifted and Talented Educational Program Waiver Applications are to be submitted electronically to GT.DOE@maine.gov by September 30, 2015.

Maine Revised Statutes Title 20-A, Chapter 311, section 8101-A(3) states:

Waivers. Beginning with the 2012-13 school year, a school administrative unit (SAU) that did not operate a gifted and talented program in the 2011-12 school year may apply to the Commissioner for a one-year waiver of this requirement if full implementation of this requirement presents an undue burden. The Commissioner may grant the SAU a waiver upon receipt of an application from the SAU that includes the basis for the waiver request. Financial hardship is one criterion the Commissioner must consider in determining whether to grant a waiver. The Commissioner has the authority to grant a one-year waiver to a SAU and a one-year waiver extension. Any additional request for extensions must be submitted and reviewed on an annual basis.

School administrative unit name: AOS94 Athens Community School

Name and title of person responsible for gifted and talented program:

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CERTIFICATION:

The statements made herein are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

KEVIN T. JORDAN
Superintendent Name(printed)


Superintendent Signature

Date Waiver Application Submitted to Maine DOE:

3/2/16

Check Reason(s) for Waiver Request:

Financial Hardship

Other

Partial Program Waiver Request

Full Program Waiver Request

Please completely describe the basis for the SAU's one-year waiver request and further describe how the SAU is meeting the needs of the gifted and talented population in your district:

On July 1, 2013 the Town of Athens withdrew from its previous district creating its own PreK-8 elementary school with a part-time administrator who resigned March 1, 2015. 3 Lead Teachers are now sharing the administrative duties in a Teacher-Led School Model. The 3 Lead Teachers have had no idea that an annual GT Form needs to be filed with the state office at MEDOE. Thus the request for a one-year waiver now that we are more than half way through the 2015/2016 school year.

Our small rural school has a student population of approximately 110 students with small class sizes. Our experienced staff of long-term educators have been very skilled at providing differentiation within the classroom setting for those students who function above and beyond the regular grade level curriculum in general or in one or more content areas.

At this point of the school year it would be time consuming and inefficient to attempt to identify GT students and to attempt to build and run a GT program with no funds within the current Budget to allocate to a GT program. Yet another reason for the request of a one-year waiver.

The 3 Lead Teachers are now truly aware of the necessity of annually filing a GT program form with the state office. We will do our best to comply in the future.

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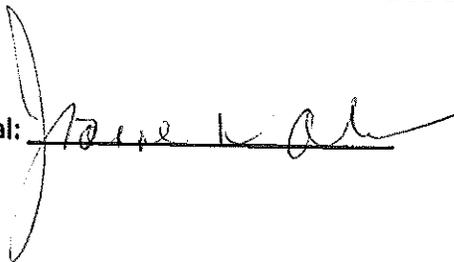
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