



# MAINE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## TITLE I SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY WAIVER REQUEST

For schools below 40% Poverty Threshold Requirement

Section 1114(a)(1)(A) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), requires a Title I school to have at least 40% poverty to be eligible to operate a schoolwide program. Schoolwide flexibility allows a school to upgrade the entire educational program of a school. ESEA section 1114 (a)(1)(B) permits a State Education Agency (SEA) to waive the 40% poverty threshold requirement, after taking into account how a schoolwide program will best serve the needs of the students in the school while improving academic achievement and other factors.

If a Title I participating school does not meet the 40% poverty threshold and wishes to obtain a waiver to operate a schoolwide program, the School Administrative Unit (SAU) must complete the attached waiver request form on the school's behalf. If multiple Title I schools wish to receive a waiver, the SAU must complete a waiver request form for each individual school.

The SAU and school remain responsible for meeting all other ESEA section 1114 requirements for operating a Title I schoolwide program. This includes the development of a CNA/SAU Consolidated Plan that addresses the needs of all students, but particularly the needs of students experiencing challenges to meet State academic standards.

Waiver request forms must be signed by the Superintendent to be accepted by the Maine Department of Education. To ensure timely waiver approval, it is recommended that waiver requests are submitted prior to the submission of a CNA/SAU Consolidated Plan for the school.

Please submit completed waiver requests to:

Rita Pello  
Title I Coordinator and ESEA Regional Program Manager  
Maine Department of Education  
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## TITLE I SCHOOLWIDE WAIVER APPLICATION FOR SCHOOLS WITH A POVERTY RATE BELOW 40%

ALL SECTIONS OF THE TITLE I SCHOOLWIDE WAIVER APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL.

### DISTRICT INFORMATION

District Name:
Superintendent:
Central Office Phone Number:
Superintendent Email Address:
ESEA Coordinator:
ESEA Coordinator Phone Number:
ESEA Coordinator Email Address:

### SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Name:	
School Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary <input type="checkbox"/> Middle <input type="checkbox"/> High School	
Grade Levels Served:	Current Poverty Percentage:
School Phone Number:	
Principal:	
Principal Phone Number:	Principal's E-Mail Address:

**SECTION I: TARGETED ASSISTANCE STUDENTS SERVED**

<b>Number of students served in the targeted assistance program in the last three years:</b>	<b>Percentage of the school population served in the targeted assistance program in the last three years:</b>	<b>Poverty Percentage of the school population in the last three years (include measure CEP/F&amp;R/Free):</b>
2021-2022: _____	2021-2022: _____	2021-2022: _____
2022-2023: _____	2022-2023: _____	2022-2023: _____
2023-2024: _____	2023-2024: _____	2023-2024: _____

**SECTION II: PLAN DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. List the names and roles of the School Leadership Team/Schoolwide Planning team and why they support this waiver application:

2. The following strategies were used by the school to publicize the request for this waiver and to receive comments:

- Newspaper       School Board Meeting       LEA/School Newsletters/Website
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_% of teachers fully certified. All core content teachers must be fully certified. Conditional licenses cannot not be accepted. Schools will not be able to request a Schoolwide program unless all core content teachers are fully certified.

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

1. What are the entrance criteria for the school’s 2023-2024 Title I targeted assistance program?

**2. What are the exit criteria for the school's 2023-2024 Title I targeted assistance program?**

**3. Provide a description of the school's 2023-2024 Title I targeted assistance program, including interventions and strategies used to provide support for identified participating students.**

**4. Describe the need and rationale for this schoolwide waiver. Include reasons why the need(s) cannot be met without a schoolwide program and/or why needs are not being met under the current targeted assistance programming.**

**5. Describe the anticipated benefits of upgrading the educational program of the entire school.**

## SECTION IV: CERTIFICATIONS

In applying for a Title I Schoolwide Waiver for a Title I School with a poverty percentage below 40%, the undersigned assure the evaluation contained in this waiver application accurately reflects the status of the applicant school's Title I targeted assistance program and the identified student needs that support the operation of a Title I Schoolwide Program. We understand a documented schoolwide planning year must be completed and approval must be granted before a school may be officially eligible to operate a Title I Schoolwide Program. Only upon official approval from the Maine Department of Education, ESEA Federal Programs will the school be permitted to operate as a Title I Schoolwide Program.

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Signature of Superintendent

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Date

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Signature of Principal

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Date

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Signature of ESEA Coordinator

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Date