

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Innovation and Improvement Division

100 North First Street, N-242

Springfield, IL 62777-0001

WAIVER OF PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Instructions: Complete all portions of the APPLICATION COVER SHEET as instructed and submit with a list of the schools participating in the public school choice notification waiver. These documents, with the ORIGINAL signature of the District Superintendent on the APPLICATION COVER SHEET, must be submitted for this application to be approved.

Form with fields: DISTRICT NAME AND NUMBER, REGION, COUNTY, DISTRICT, TYPE CODE, SUPERINTENDENT NAME, TELEPHONE (Include Area Code), ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code), FAX (Include Area Code), E-MAIL

SECTION I—Required Documentation

To be considered for this waiver, the District must submit its responses to the requests in Section I, numbers 1-3, along with the APPLICATION COVER SHEET.

- 1. Rationale and basis for prioritization of public school choice notifications. NCLB currently allows LEAs to give priority to the lowest-achieving student from low-income families when implementing the transfer option, but not in the notification requirements. [Section 1116(b)(1)(E)(ii)] Provide details on the method the district will use in prioritizing the notification of choice options and a description of the circumstance (rationale) leading to this request.
2. Enrollment and space limitations for schools within the district. An LEA may not use lack of capacity to deny students the option to transfer but may take capacity into consideration in deciding which choices to make available to eligible students [34 C.F.R. 200.44(d)]. Provide information on the current enrollment and/or space limitations that exist within the district that supports the use of prioritized notifications requested in this waiver.
3. Plans initiated by the district to increase choice options and/or why such options are not feasible. Please see question E-8 in the Public School Choice Non-Regulatory Guidance for suggestions regarding the creation of additional capacity for public school choice (14 January 2009, U. S. Department of Education).

SECTION II—Assurances

By checking each box and signing the APPLICATION COVER SHEET, the District Superintendent certifies that:

- A. Regardless of approval or denial of this request, the district will continue to provide parents timely information about the status of the schools within the district. [Section 1116(c)(6)].
B. Regardless of approval or denial of this waiver, the district assures that no eligible student will be denied their choice option if space is available. [Section 1116 and 1120A]
C. If approved, the district agrees to provide additional information as may be required by ISBE. This information must be accurate and supplied in a timely manner. Please see the website http://www.isbe.net/nclb/htmls/differentiated_flexibility_waiver.htm with likely additional reporting requirements of participating districts.

Waivers will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Until the district receives written notification that the waiver has been granted, the district must continue to provide notifications to parents of ALL students within the school as required by law. [Section 1116(b)(1)(E) and 34 C.F.R. 200.37(b)(4)]

Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Completed Applications should be sent to:

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By submitting the plan on behalf of the district, the district superintendent certifies to ISBE that all the assurances and information provided are true and correct.

Date

Original Signature of Superintendent

Please keep a copy on file for monitoring and audit purposes.

ISBE USE ONLY

Approved

Not Approved

Date Received

Date Reviewed