

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Division of Regulatory Support
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APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OR MODIFICATION OF STATE BOARD RULES AND/OR SCHOOL CODE MANDATES

Instructions: This application is to be used for seeking a waiver or modification of State Board of Education rules or of School Code mandates in accordance with Section 2-3.25g of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g]. The completed application must be submitted by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the above address. Please use the instructions on reverse side when completing this application.

Please note that action on incomplete applications will be delayed until all required documentation is received.

1. The application is for: (Check appropriate box(es) below.)

Waiver of School Code Waiver of ISBE Rule Modification of School Code Modification of ISBE Rule

2. APPLICANT NAME Oak Park Elementary School District 97		CONTACT PERSON Felicia Starks Turner	
NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Dr. Carol Kelley		CONTACT TELEPHONE (Include Area Code and Extension) 708-524-3031	
APPLICANT ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code) 260 Madison Street Oak Park, Illinois 60302		CONTACT FAX (Include Area Code) 708-524-3014	CONTACT E-MAIL fstarks@op97.org
COUNTY Cook	May we contact your e-mail address? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

3. Provide citation or language of the rule(s) or School Code mandate(s) which are the subject of this application. If you are requesting a modification, display it here, using strike through or underlining.

015 ILCS 5/27-6 Courses in Physical Education Required: Special Activities. Oak Park District 97 requests a waiver application to limit physical education with a licensed physical education teacher to 60 minutes per week for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. This request is being made due to the larger than expected increase in enrollment each year which has limited the availability of common areas for courses such as PE for all students if offered on a daily basis.

4. Attach a narrative identifying and justifying the specific request.

- a. For proposed waivers and modifications of rules or modifications of School Code mandates that are based upon meeting the intent of the rule or mandate in a more effective, efficient or economical manner, a narrative description must provide all of the required information (see Item 4(a) on the reverse side).
- b. All proposed waivers/modifications requested to stimulate innovation or improve student performance, including all proposed waivers of School Code mandates, shall provide the specific plan for improved student performance and school improvement upon which the request is being based and how the applicant will determine success (see Item 4(b) on the reverse side).
- c. Applications requesting waivers from Section 17-1.5 of the School Code must include the amount, nature, and reason for the requested relief and all remedies that have been exhausted by the district to comply with the administrative expenditure limitation.

5. **Public Testimony:**

Attach a description of the testimony provided, to include the information enumerated in item 5 on the reverse side.

6. This application is for: Initial Waiver/Modification Renewal of Previously Approved Waiver/Modification
This application requests waiver/modification for 1.5 years (from 01/2018 school year through 2018-2019 school year).
(See Item 6 on reverse side for limits on the duration of waivers/modifications.)

7. Attach a copy of each public notice required. Any request not meeting the requirements will be returned as ineligible for consideration.

8. Compliance with Notice and Hearing Requirements

I certify that a hearing concerning this application and any associated plan for improved student performance was held on June 23, 2017 and, for those applicants requesting waivers or modifications of the daily physical education requirement, that the regular board meeting(s) were held on June 13 and June 27, 2017 of that month.

I further certify that the applicant has met all the notification and hearing requirements enumerated in items A and B on reverse side and that the board of education/board of directors of the applicant identified above approved this application on June 23, 2017.

Date

Signature of Applicant
(i.e. District Superintendent/Executive Director/Regional Superintendent)