

Ardmore Board of Education Special Meeting

Monday, September 22, 2025 12:00 PM

Ardmore Administration Center - Board Room, 611 Veterans Blvd., Ardmore, OK 73401

1. Call the meeting to order, establish a quorum & state compliance with the Open Meeting Act. [Harry Spring, Board President]
2. Consider and take action on the Oklahoma State Department of Education Statutory Waiver/Deregulation for the 2025-2026 school year as listed. [Andy Davis, Superintendent]
3. Adjournment [Harry Spring, Board President]

Posted this _____ day of _____, 20____, at _____ o'clock _____.M., at the south entrance of the Administration Center, 611 Veterans Blvd., Ardmore, OK 73401. Notice for this meeting was provided & verified Carter County Clerk on _____.

Terrie Colaw, Board Minutes Clerk



STATUTORY WAIVER/DEREGULATION APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

(Oklahoma Deregulation Act, 70 O.S. § 3-124, et seq.)

Accreditation Standards Division

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SCHOOL SITE STATUTORY WAIVER/DEREGULATION APPLICATION

for 20 25 - 20 26 school year

Carter COUNTY Ardmore City Schools SCHOOL DISTRICT

611 Veterans Blvd. SCHOOL DISTRICT MAILING ADDRESS Ardmore CITY 73401 ZIP CODE

Jefferson Elementary School NAME OF SITE

[Signature] PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE* 9/16/25 DATE

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Andy Davis SUPERINTENDENT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

adavis@ardmoreschools.org SUPERINTENDENT E-MAIL ADDRESS

09/11/2025 SUPERINTENDENT SIGNATURE* DATE

I hereby certify that this waiver/deregulation application was approved by our local board of education at the meeting on _____, 20____

BOARD PRESIDENT SIGNATURE*

NOTARY SEAL →

NOTARY DATE

COMMISSION EXPIRATION DATE

Statute/Oklahoma Administrative Code to be Waived:
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SDE USE ONLY

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DATE RECEIVED _____

70 O.S. _____

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- A. Reason for the Waiver request. Please include circumstances which necessitate hiring a non certified library media specialist. What alternative means will be employed if your waiver is denied? Where is the applicant as it pertains to their pursuit of their course of study? What percentage of your student population will benefit from the waiver if approved?

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- B. List alternate strategies/plans which the district/site proposes. How does this plan best serve the students of your district, i.e., a description of the educational benefits to the students and learning achievement? Please list any negative impact if the waiver were to be denied.

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- C. Educational impact to the district: Results of the Statutory Waiver/Deregulation, i.e., effect on student performance levels, impact of plan on other sites in the district.

Educational Impact: Approval of the waiver will allow continued access to library resources, technology, and literacy support, positively supporting student performance across all grade levels. The plan has no negative impact on other sites in the district.

- D. Timeline: Please submit class schedule, calendars, assessment forms and other attachments as necessary.

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- E. Any financial impact to the District (positive or negative) for the proposed waiver/deregulation? If positive please describe where the available would be reallocated.

There is no additional financial impact to the district for this waiver. Approval allows the district to utilize the current applicant without the need to hire additional certified staff, avoiding increased costs. Any savings realized will remain allocated to classroom instruction and student support services to directly benefit learning.

- F. Describe method of assessment or evaluation of effectiveness of the plan both for staff and students, I.E., TLE, ACT scores, graduation rates, RSA, School Report Card, etc.

Method of Assessment: The effectiveness of the plan will be measured through both staff and student outcomes. Teachers will be evaluated using the TLE model to ensure instructional quality and professional growth. Student achievement will be monitored through STAR data, providing ongoing assessments of literacy and academic progress. Together, these measures will allow the district to track the impact of the plan on teaching effectiveness and student learning outcomes.

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