



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

To: Indiana State Board of Education
From: Chad E. Ranney, Deputy General Counsel – Indiana State Board of Education
Date: September 5, 2018
Re: **Freeway Waiver Requests**

Recommendation: Approve the Attached Freeway Waiver Requests.

Indiana Code 20-26-15-15(b) permits freeway school corporations and freeway schools to request that the Indiana State Board of Education (“Board”) waive the educational benefit requirements contained in IC 20-26-15-7 for a period of not more than 36 months. Upon receiving a freeway school corporation’s or freeway school’s request, **the Board shall waive the education benefit requirements contained in IC 20-26-15-7 for the freeway school corporation or freeway school** for a period of not more than 36 months. *See* IC 20-26-15-15(c). Freeway school corporations and freeway schools may receive a waiver from the Board under IC 20-26-15-15 only once.

The schools in the attached petitions have requested that the Board waive the educational benefit requirements contained in IC 20-26-15-7 for a period of 36 months. Because IC 20-26-15-15(c) requires the Board to grant a freeway school’s request once the request has been made, Board staff recommends the Board approve the attached requests.

August 9, 2018

Indiana State Board of Education 143 W. Market St., Suite 500 Indianapolis, IN 46204
Indiana Department of Education

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Paino, Maggie <mpaino@doe.in.gov> Schultz, Timothy A TSchultz1@sboe.in.gov Ranney, Chad E
CRanney@sboe.in.gov RE: **Freeway Accreditation Waiver**

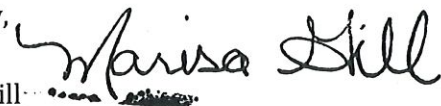
Request for Freeway Accreditation Waiver under Senate Bill 354- IC 20-26-15-15

Senate bill 354 provides for a waiver from the performance metrics required to maintain freeway accreditation. It applies to a freeway school in operation as of July 1, 2018. Per the new statute, ***a freeway school may request that the state board waive the performance requirements for a period up to 3 years (36 months). If requested by a freeway school, the state board shall waive the performance requirements for a period no more than 3 years. During these 3 years, a freeway school may continue to operate regardless of whether the school meets the performance metrics.***

Dear Mr. Murphy:

The Indiana Department of Education notified the Independence Academy that our Freeway Accreditation status may be suspended based on current performance standards. The Independence Academy is requesting that we be granted a 3-year Freeway Accreditation Waiver as outlined by Senate bill 354. The current performance standards were not designed to meet the needs of our specialized school which serves 100% special education students and do not accurately reflect the ability and importance of our students or school. We value our status as a Freeway accredited school and respectfully request that a Freeway Accreditation waiver be granted.

Sincerely,


Marisa Gill
Director of School
The Independence Academy

FREEWAY ACCREDITATION WAIVER REQUEST

School Name: Central Christian Academy

School Number: C575

Duration of Waiver (*may not exceed 36 months*): Fall 2019 until Spring 2022

Date of Request: August 27, 2018

Pursuant to Ind. Code § 20-26-15-15(b), the above-referenced school officially requests the Indiana State Board of Education to waive the minimum educational benefits required to maintain freeway accreditation, as specified under Ind. Code § 20-26-15-7. The school requests the waiver to be effective for the period of time specified above.

Printed Name (School Leader) David E. Sexauer

Signature (School Leader) 

Please send the completed form to schoolaccountability@doe.in.gov.

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FREEWAY ACCREDITATION WAIVER REQUEST

School Name: The Howe School (dba Howe Military Academy)

School Number: B725

Duration of Waiver (*may not exceed 36 months*): 36 Month

Date of Request: August 28, 2018

Pursuant to Ind. Code § 20-26-15-15(b), the above-referenced school officially requests the Indiana State Board of Education to waive the minimum educational benefits required to maintain freeway accreditation, as specified under Ind. Code § 20-26-15-7. The school requests the waiver to be effective for the period of time specified above.

Printed Name (School Leader) Theresa L. Jacobs, Ed.S
Dean of Academic Affairs

Signature (School Leader) Theresa L. Jacobs Ed.S.

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FREEWAY ACCREDITATION WAIVER REQUEST

School Name: Kingsway Christian School

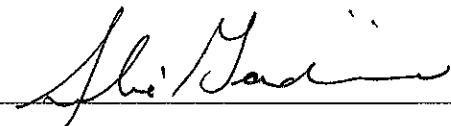
School Number: B295

Duration of Waiver (*may not exceed 36 months*): 36 months

Date of Request: 8-28-2018

Pursuant to Ind. Code § 20-26-15-15(b), the above-referenced school officially requests the Indiana State Board of Education to waive the minimum educational benefits required to maintain freeway accreditation, as specified under Ind. Code § 20-26-15-7. The school requests the waiver to be effective for the period of time specified above.

Printed Name (School Leader) Julie Giardino

Signature (School Leader) 

Contact: jgiardino@kingsway-school.org
317-272-2227

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FREEWAY ACCREDITATION WAIVER REQUEST

School Name: Transitions Academy

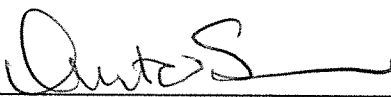
School Number: B233

Duration of Waiver (*may not exceed 36 months*): 3 years 2019-20
2020-21
2021-22

Date of Request: August 28, 2018

Pursuant to Ind. Code § 20-26-15-15(b), the above-referenced school officially requests the Indiana State Board of Education to waive the minimum educational benefits required to maintain freeway accreditation, as specified under Ind. Code § 20-26-15-7. The school requests the waiver to be effective for the period of time specified above.

Printed Name (School Leader) Dr. Anita Silverman

Signature (School Leader) 

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FREEWAY ACCREDITATION WAIVER REQUEST

School Name: North Liberty Christian School

School Number: D158

Duration of Waiver (may not exceed 36 months): 36 months

Date of Request: 8/28/18

Pursuant to Ind. Code § 20-26-15-15(b), the above-referenced school officially requests the Indiana State Board of Education to waive the minimum educational benefits required to maintain freeway accreditation, as specified under Ind. Code § 20-26-15-7. The school requests the waiver to be effective for the period of time specified above.

Printed Name (School Leader) Kelly Tutino

Signature (School Leader) Kelly Tutino

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FREEWAY ACCREDITATION WAIVER REQUEST

School Name: Trinity Christian School
School Number: C561
Duration of Waiver (*may not exceed 36 months*): 36 months
Date of Request: 08/28/2018

Pursuant to Ind. Code § 20-26-15-15(b), the above-referenced school officially requests the Indiana State Board of Education to waive the minimum educational benefits required to maintain freeway accreditation, as specified under Ind. Code § 20-26-15-7. The school requests the waiver to be effective for the period of time specified above.

Printed Name (School Leader) Brian D. Immel

Signature (School Leader) Brian D. Immel

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