

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT-ED FLEX WAIVER REQUEST
2022-2023

September 2, 2022

Notice

Ed-Flex Program

Douglas County Schools--New for the 2022-23 school year, the state of Georgia is allowing school districts to submit waivers under the Ed-Flex Program. Through Ed-Flex, The U.S. Department of Education (Secretary) delegates to eligible State Education Agencies (SEAs) the authority to waive certain statutory or regulatory education requirements that may impede local efforts to reform and improve education. Ed-Flex is designed to help Local Education Agencies (LEAs), or school districts, carry out educational reforms and raise the achievement of all students.

Ed-Flex is authorized under the Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999 and was reauthorized under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in 2015. The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) met the eligibility criteria as a SEA and is offering its school districts to apply for waivers over a five-year period. LEAs must apply to GaDOE annually for the desired waivers. Participating school districts will have to report annually on the effect of any state approved waivers.

For the 2022-2023 school year, we are pursuing the below waiver from the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE).

- Waiver of Title I, Part A Limitation on Carryover – ESSA Section 1127(a) (Unspent Title I, Part A FY22 funds carried over to FY23).
 - If approved, this waiver would allow the Douglas County School System flexibility to expend the program funds based on the needs of our students.

If you have any comments/feedback pertaining to this waiver, please contact Dr. Karen Stoutmire, Executive Director of Federal Programs by October 3, 2022.