

Division of Teaching and Learning

Federal Programs

Mission: To inspire and equip all students to achieve unlimited potential.

Vision: The MCSD is a beacon of educational excellence where all are known, valued, and inspired.

Description

ED-FLEX Waiver Request Feedback

Important Information

The state of Georgia allows school districts to submit waiver requests under the ED-Flex Program. Through ED-Flex, the U.S. Department of Education delegates to eligible State Education Agencies (SEAs) the authority to waive certain statutory or regulatory education requirements that may hinder local efforts to reform and improve education. ED-Flex is designed to help 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) is offering its school districts the opportunity to apply for waivers over a five-year period. School districts must apply to GaDOE annually for the desired waivers.

For the 2025-2026 school year, we are pursuing the following waivers from the GaDOE:

- Waiver of Title I, Part A Limitation on Carryover – ESSA Section 1127(a)
 - o If approved, this waiver would allow all unspent Title I, Part A funds from school year 2024-2025 to return to the school district during the 2025-2026 school year. In the past, the amount returned could not exceed 15% of the previous year's allocation.
- Waiver of the Title IV, Part A Content Area Minimum Percentage Spending Requirements – ESSA Section 4106(e)(2)(C), (D) and (E) under sections 4107, 4108, 4109
 - o If approved, this waiver lifts the minimum spending percentage threshold under the law, which increases spending flexibility to better meet the needs of students.

Feedback can be submitted at <https://forms.office.com/r/B3KDgMTk5P>. The form is anonymous and will be available until 8/1/25.

Questions can be submitted to federalprograms@muscogee.k12.ga.us.