

Public Notice of Proposed Title IA Waiver

Waterloo Community Schools hereby provides public notice of its intent to request a waiver under Title IA in accordance with federal Ed-Flex requirements (20 U.S.C. § 5891b(a)(7)).

Purpose of the Waiver

The purpose of this waiver is to support improved student achievement by allowing the LEA to utilize Title IA funds to pay for salaries and benefits for teachers providing supplemental instruction. These services are designed to support students reading below proficiency standards. The waiver will enable targeted interventions, small-group instruction, and evidence-based practices aimed at increasing student academic success in reading and proficiency on ISASP assessments and growth on benchmark assessments such as FAST and IXL. Additional supports, including PBIS and social-emotional learning programs, will further enhance student outcomes.

Expected Outcomes

If approved, the LEA expects to see increased student achievement, improved proficiency rates on state and local assessments, and measurable growth in literacy. The waiver will strengthen the implementation of targeted interventions and support systems to better meet the needs of students requiring additional academic assistance.

Public Comment Process

Waterloo Community Schools invites parents, educators, and community members to provide input on this proposed waiver.

Comments will be accepted through April 15, 2026.

Comments may be submitted:

In writing to:

Waterloo Community Schools

Attn: Dana Harskamp

1516 Washington Street

Waterloo, Iowa 50702

Or via email at: harskampd@waterlooschools.org

Public Review of Comments

All comments received during the comment period will be available for public inspection upon request at the District Office and/or through a digital format, as applicable. Comments will also be provided to the Department if requested.