



The State is requesting a waiver of the State-level requirements for the 2011-2012 School Improvement Grant (SIG). The State believes that the requested waivers will increase its ability to implement the SIG program effectively in eligible schools in the State in order to improve the quality of instruction and raise the academic achievement of students in Tier I, Tier II and Tier III schools.

If you have comments regarding the requested waivers, please provide in writing via e-mail to [Rita.Fentress@tn.gov](mailto:Rita.Fentress@tn.gov), by April 30, 2011. All comments will be included in the State's waiver requests to the U.S. Department of Education.

**Waiver: n-size waiver**

In order to enable the State to generate new lists of Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III schools for its FY 2010 competition, waive the definition of "persistently lowest-achieving schools" in Section I.A.3 of the SIG final requirements and the use of that definition in Section I.A.1(a) and (b) of those requirements to permit the State to exclude, from the pool of schools from which it identifies the persistently lowest-achieving schools for Tier I and Tier II, any school in which the total number of student in the "all students" group in the grades assessed is less than 10.

**Waiver: Schoolwide program waiver**

Waive the 40 percent poverty eligibility threshold in section 1114(a)(1) of the ESEA to permit LEAs to implement a schoolwide program in a Tier I, Tier II, or Tier III Title I participating school that does not meet the poverty threshold and is fully implementing one of the four school intervention models.

**Waiver: Period of availability of FY 2009 carryover funds waiver**

Waive section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. § 1225(b) to extend the period of availability of FY 2009 carryover school improvement funds for the SEA and all of its LEAs to September 14, 2014.

Note: This waiver only applies to FY2009 carryover funds.