



Charter School Waiver Request Form

This Charter School Waiver Request Form is intended for use **ONLY** by Commission-Authorized charter schools. Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-13-105, a sponsor of a charter school may apply to either the local education agency or to the Commissioner of Education for a waiver of any state board rule or statute that inhibits or hinders the charter school's ability to meet its goals or comply with its mission statement.

Waivers may **not** be granted by the charter school authorizer for requirements related to:

1. Federal and state civil rights;
2. Federal, state, and local health and safety;
3. Federal and state public records;
4. Immunizations;
5. Possession of weapons on school grounds;
6. Background checks and fingerprinting of personnel;
7. Federal and state special education services;
8. Student due process;
9. Parental rights;
10. Federal and state student assessment and accountability;
11. Open meetings;
12. At least the same equivalent time of instruction as required in regular public schools; or
13. Requirements in the charter school statute, T.C.A. 49 Chapter 13 or State Board of Education rules and regulations specific to charter schools.

NOTE: Any request to waive State Board Rule 0520-01-19-.05 [EL staffing ratio 1:35] shall be submitted first to the Commission.

Charter School Information (For Use **ONLY** by Charter Schools Authorized by Tennessee Public Charter School Commission):

Charter School Name:

Charter school contact name: _____

Title: _____

Phone: (____) - ____ - ____ EXT: ____ Email address: _____

Term of the charter contract: ____/____/____ (MM/DD/YY) through ____/____/____ (MM/DD/YY)

Effective date of waiver being requested: _____



Please list the statute(s) and/or state board rule(s) for which waiver is being requested:

Mission and goals of the charter school as contained in the application filed with the local board of education pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-107:

Explanation of how the statute(s) and/or state board rule(s) inhibits or hinders the charter school's ability to meet its goals or comply with its mission statement:

Following review by the Director of Authorizing, the Executive Director will review the requests and either grant or deny the request. All waivers approved by the chartering authority shall be effective for the term of the charter contract unless stated otherwise. **INCOMPLETE REQUESTS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.** This form is intended for use by charter schools authorized by the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission **ONLY**.

Please submit this waiver request to the Executive Director via email or mail:

Beth Figueroa, Director of Authorizing
500 James Robertson Parkway, Davy Crockett Tower, 8th Floor,
Nashville, TN 37243
Beth.Figueroa@tn.gov

Charter School Contact (Signature)

Print Name _____

Date _____