



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF

EDUCATION

Public Notice from the Office of Superintendent of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) for Waiver Request to the US Department of Education

In light of the continued disruption to learning caused by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency, the United States Department of Education has announced flexibilities available under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) Title IV, Part A Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant Program for the 2020-21 school year.

States may request waivers, on behalf of our local educational agencies (LEAs), of one or more of the following requirements in Title IV, Part A of the ESEA:

- Section 4106(d) of Title IV, Part A of the ESEA, related to LEA needs assessments for the 2020-21 school year.
- Section 4106(e)(2)(C), (D), and (E) of Title IV, Part A of the ESEA, with respect to content-area spending requirements for fiscal year 2021 Title IV, Part A funds.
- Section 4109(b) of Title IV, Part A of the ESEA, with respect to the 15 percent spending limitation for technology infrastructure for fiscal year 2021 Title IV, Part A funds.

Please note that all other requirements in Title IV, Part A of the ESEA would continue to apply. These waivers are the same as the waivers that were offered for Title IV, Part A for fiscal year 2020 in the spring.

OSSE intends to apply for these three waivers and asks for public comments. You may submit public comment on OSSE's planned request for this waiver to the listed sections of Title IV, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) by emailing Con.App@dc.gov by **5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 22, 2021**.