

Broward County Public Schools New Waiver Application



Broward County Schools is the largest fully accredited school district in the United States

School Improvement Waivers are designed to remove barriers to school improvement that have been found in state statute, school board policy, or collective bargaining contract (see School Board Policy #1403). Waivers must be based on sound educational research and evaluation, must be budget neutral to the district, must be supported by stakeholders in the local school community, and must be approved by 66.67% of the faculty. Waivers may be approved for up to five years by the School Board, but the faculty must approve the waiver each year. Waivers must be equitable for all students in a particular student group.

Please see the waivers standards operating procedural manual online (http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/ospa/initiatives.asp?initiative_id=5) for support information to complete this application.

Waiver #	2
School Name:	Cooper City High ▼
Board Policy/Contract Article:	6000.1 III C 6
Board Approved:	Select One ▼
Years Approved:	5 Years ▼
Target Area:	Exam Exemption ▼
Waiver Status:	New ▼
Initial Year of Implementation:	2018 ▼
District's Strategic Alignment Plan:	Instruction/Teaching & Assessing for Learning ▼
Accreditation Standard Alignment:	Teaching and Assessing for Learning ▼

- Cooper City High** is requesting a waiver for **Exam Exemption** for a period of 5 years. **Cooper City High** will analyze the data and present them to SAC.
- This waiver proposal was presented, reviewed, and endorsed by all stakeholders of the local school community at meetings on:

Community Meeting 1:	11/27/2017
Community Meeting 2:	01/29/2018
Community Meeting 3:	02/01/2018
- The School Advisory Council voted on the **Exam Exemption** Waiver by 100% ▼ (minimum of 51%) on 01/29/2018
- The Faculty voted on the implementation of **Exam Exemption** by 67% ▼ (minimum of 66 2/3%) on 02/07/2018 according to the voting guidelines in the Broward Teachers Union Contract, Article 15.
- Write the exact language of the school board policy or contract article that the proposed waiver will supersede.

School Board Policy 6000.1 III C 6: A student may be exempt from the mid-term and/ or final exams in a high course. Students that earn an overall letter grade "B" or better in all marking periods may exempt up to three midterms.

6. State the waiver: change, delete, or add to the policy or contract so as to fulfill the requirements of the proposed waiver.

Students that earn an overall letter grade of "B" or better in all marking periods may not exempt mid-term exams in courses requiring an End-of-Course Exam (Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, U.S. History).

7. State the rationale for the proposed waiver. How will the proposed waiver support school improvement? Give background information, history of barrier, etc.

The proposed waiver is intended to provide data for teachers and students on areas that are in need of improvement in preparation for the End of Course Exams.

8. Recognizing that one strategy alone does not affect school-wide achievement, identify and explain the baseline data for the proposed waiver.

Due to the fact not all students take the mid-term it is difficult to assess proficiency on subject matter taught by mid-term. By providing the opportunity for all students to take a cumulative exam, teachers can identify specific gaps in learning/trends on content taught up to the mid-term and develop strategies that need to be implemented in the classroom as we move forward in the second half of the year.

9. What reliable research studies, proven strategies, best practices, or similar programs support the probable success of the proposed waiver?

Reviewing common formative assessments and the mid-term throughout our Professional Learning Communities (PLC), each PLC can identify strengths and weaknesses on any strands that need to be assessed (CARE Cycle)

10. **Cooper City High** will evaluate the effectiveness of the waiver each year. Include current data in alignment to the baseline data to measure the impact of the waiver.

11. We confirm that the **Exam Exemption** was implemented as described above:

Principal: Wendy Doll Date: 04/02/2018 Signature: _____

SAC Chairperson: Jorge Souza/Illianna Polatos Date: 04/02/2018 Signature: _____

12. This waiver has been reviewed by:

Broward Teacher's Union Rep: Dwayne Dixon Date: 04/02/2018 Signature: _____

This waiver application, with original signatures, is to be kept on file at the school and made available to District personnel upon request.

A scanned version of the completed Waiver application, with signatures, and all other required documents are to be uploaded to http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/ospa/sac_login.asp by the deadline noted in the timeline

The filename to upload is to be: SchoolName_GradeLevel_WaiverNumber_Date.pdf, ex. *Abc_ES_1_02082013.pdf*

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Last updated on: Monday, April 2, 2018

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