

State of Maine
Department of Education

Gifted and Talented Educational Program
Application for One-Year Waiver
2015-16

Gifted and Talented Educational Program Waiver Applications are to be submitted electronically to GT.DOE@maine.gov by **September 30, 2015**.

Maine Revised Statutes Title 20-A, Chapter 311, section 8101-A(3) states:

Waivers. Beginning with the 2012-13 school year, a school administrative unit (SAU) that did not operate a gifted and talented program in the 2011-12 school year may apply to the Commissioner for a one-year waiver of this requirement if full implementation of this requirement presents an undue burden. The Commissioner may grant the SAU a waiver upon receipt of an application from the SAU that includes the basis for the waiver request. Financial hardship is one criterion the Commissioner must consider in determining whether to grant a waiver. The Commissioner has the authority to grant a one-year waiver to a SAU and a one-year waiver extension. Any additional request for extensions must be submitted and reviewed on an annual basis.

School administrative unit name:

Greenbush School Department

Name and title of person responsible for gifted and talented program:

Gwen Smith, Superintendent

Phone number:

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CERTIFICATION:

The statements made herein are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Gwen Smith

Superintendent Name(printed)


Superintendent Signature

Date Waiver Application Submitted to Maine DOE:

2/25/2016

Check Reason(s) for Waiver Request:

Financial Hardship

Other

Partial Program Waiver Request

Full Program Waiver Request

Please completely describe the basis for the SAU's one-year waiver request and further describe how the SAU is meeting the needs of the gifted and talented population in your district:

We currently offer a 30 minute per day RtI intervention block for every student in our school. The interventions are based on student assessment data and include offerings specific to every student. For students meeting or exceeding standards, interventions are offered which extend learning opportunities and teach higher order thinking skills. The daily intervention block is in addition to the differentiation offered in the regular classroom for our high achieving students.

The Helen S Dunn School is a Pre-K through Grade 8 school serving 145 students. We have 2 multiage classrooms and 6 grade level classrooms. We operate on a very limited budget. In addition to the required local share that citizens must raise in order to receive state subsidy, our citizens also raise an additional local share just to operate our school with limited staff and resources. Any additional requirements for staffing and programs would be an extreme burden.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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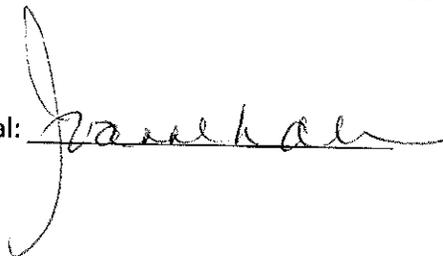
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Maine DOE Approval:



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