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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](mailto: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:

Greenville Consolidated School (Union 60)

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

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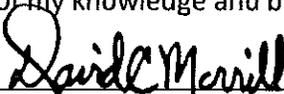
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**CERTIFICATION:**

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

David C. Morrill

Superintendent Name(printed)

  
Superintendent Signature

Date Waiver Application Submitted to Maine DOE:

9/15/2015

**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:**

Greenville School Department requests a waiver for the 2015-2016 school year for GT programming due to financial hardship. The position of the part-time teacher, who was identified in a previous plan as the GT coordinator was eliminated because of budget concerns and has not been replaced. The plan that was never fully implemented. However, art and music opportunities continue to be offered to all students K-12. Students within those programs are individually challenged to reach their potential.

The loss of an individual to conduct the formal screening and identification of GT students and provide the supervision to ensure appropriate oversight, instruction, and assessment has hampered our development of a formal program.

Despite the lack of an identified individual to provide the oversight of a formal GT program and the lack of follow-through on previous plans, our students continue to be informally identified and provided services within our school. Elementary students may move from one grade to another depending on subject matter. A new K-8 writing program has been initiated this year offering another venue for GT students to express themselves and to be challenged on an individual basis. They are also provided with opportunities ranging from computer activities, robotics, participation in the school musical, and science activities. High school students are encouraged to challenge themselves by enrolling in on-line classes, college classes, AP classes, and participation in art and music. In addition, students are allowed to take multiple math classes (such as Geometry and Algebra 2) in the same year. While these efforts attempt to address individual student needs; they do not represent compliance with the requirements for GT programming. Given that budgetary outlook continues to be bleak, the school will continue to attempt to reallocate existing resources to meet state requirements.

We request this waiver for the current 15-16 year, in order to prepare to make adjustments for another year as we continue to balance between implementation of standards, current testing, financial resources and the development and implementation of an approved GT program.

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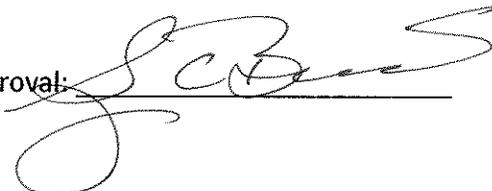
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**DUE DATE: September 30, 2015**

Maine DOE Approval:



Date of Approval:

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