

State of Maine
Department of Education

Gifted and Talented Educational Program
Application for One-Year Waiver
2017-18

Gifted and Talented Educational Program Waiver Applications are to be submitted electronically to GT.DOE@maine.gov by **September 30, 2017**.

School administrative unit name: **Alexander Elementary School**

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

Trevor Flood

Phone number: **454-2623**

Email address: **principal@alexanderelementary.org**

CERTIFICATION:

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

Kenneth Johnson
Superintendent Name (printed)


Superintendent Signature

Date Waiver Application Submitted to Maine DOE: **September 6, 2017**

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 (Use as much space as necessary):

Alexander Elementary is requesting a full-program waiver on the basis that the Alexander School Department lacks the student population to warrant a designated Gifted and Talented staff position (part-time or full) nor could such specific duties be assigned to existing staff. There are currently 43 students enrolled PK-8 at Alexander Elementary. All teaching staff are assigned to multi-grade classrooms with the additional responsibilities of Health, Physical Education, and Art instruction for their individual classrooms. Historically, teaching staff have accommodated the needs of GT students through inclusive differentiated instruction strategies. Teachers and support staff have sought out and continue to seek out professional development on best practices of differentiated instruction for GT students.

In addition, Alexander Elementary is also requesting a full-program waiver due to financial hardship. Factors such as enrollment, revenue, and State EPS allocations leaves the school department lacking funds to support additional staff to implement and deliver a separate program.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
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RETURN BY EMAIL TO:

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DUE DATE: September 30, 2017

Maine DOE Approval: _____

Date of Approval: 9/18/17