

To: West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE)
Date: July 8, 2024
Re: WVBE Policy Waiver Request / July 8, 2024 Board Meeting

1) Policy Number and Name recommended to be waived:

Policy 8200, Purchasing Policies and Procedures Manual Policy

2) Policy Section Number of Language to be Waived:

3.2.3.a.

Specifications can either enhance or inhibit competition. To ensure that commodities and services are obtained at the most economical, competition must be sought, whenever possible. This can be accomplished by describing products and services in a manner that meets the LEA's needs and encourages competition.

The policy language waiver is specific to the procurement of contracted services of screeners whose services are mandated by WVC §18-2E-10.

Note: Yellow Highlighting denotes recommended language to be waived.

3) School Year/s for which the waiver is requested:

July 2024 until revised Policy 8200 becomes effective with an estimated revision timeline of the 2024-25 school year. Policy 8200 is tentatively scheduled for revision in November 2024.

4) Waiver Rationale:

The Policy 8200 waiver request is recommended for the WVBE's consideration as a statewide waiver. The policy language waiver is specific to the procurement of contracted services of screeners in English Language Arts, dyslexia, and mathematics for K-3 students which must complete screenings in the first 30 days of school then repeat this screening at mid-year and at the end-of-year. These services are mandated by WVC §18-2E-10. The policy waiver ensures that contracted services of these screeners are not competitively bid, and the selection of screeners can be made from the approved screener list maintained by WVDE.

5) WVDE Recommendation:

Uriah Cummings, School Financial Operations Officer, and staff have reviewed this statewide waiver request and recommend approval to waive the language of Policy 8200, Section 3.2.3.a until the revised Policy 8200 becomes effective during the 2024-25 school year.