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**Tennessee Department of Education
Employment Standards Waiver Application**

Read and complete ALL sections of the application to ensure timely response.

Section 1 - General Information		
Last Name (First, Middle, Last): Higgins	First Name Jessica	Middle Initial L
Social Security # [REDACTED]	TN License #: 000609703	Expiration Date: 8/31/2018
Area Code + Phone Number [REDACTED]	Email Address: [REDACTED]	
Certificate Type(s) Apprentice Teacher	Current Endorsement(s) Held Elementary K-6 499	
System Name: Warren County Schools	System #: 890	
School Name: Centertown	School #: 0010	
School Year: 2015-2016	Date Educator Placed in Waiver Position: August 2014	
Subject(s) and Course Code(s) of Waiver Position to be Filled: Speech 9438 9439 9440	Endorsement(s) Needed for the Waiver Position: Speech/Language Teacher 458	
Year of Waiver Request: (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st Year <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 nd Year (passed tests and/or enrolled in program, required) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd Year (all tests passed and evidence of progress in coursework, required)		

Section 2 - Supporting and Status Information
Each of the following criteria must be met. Please check each box affirming that <u>each statement</u> is true:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The waiver is being requested to fill a vacant, high need position
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The waiver is being requested to fill a mission-critical position [core academic, non-instructional leader]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The school district has engaged in thorough, responsible position-specific recruitment efforts to find appropriately endorsed candidates for the position for which a waiver is being requested AND has been unsuccessful in those efforts
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The educator being recommended for the waiver is the most qualified candidate for the position for which a waiver is being requested

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Section 3 - Plans to Obtain Proper Endorsement	
Is applicant registered to take appropriate Praxis test(s): (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Praxis registration date:
Has applicant taken and passed appropriate Praxis test(s): (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Score(s) _____	Is applicant enrolled in a university/college program: (Check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Name of university/college program: TN State University - TSU/Motion	Number of program hours COMPLETED: 25

I hereby certify the information provided in this application is true and correct, and the district is in urgent need of a waiver.

Educator Name - Print Jessica L. Higgins		Educator Signature/Date Jessica L. Higgins 8/20/15	
Human Resources Contact - Print Roy Pierce	Human Resources Contact - Email piercer@warrenschools.com	Human Resources Signature/Date Roy Pierce 8/21/15	

Submit completed application to:
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<i>Director of Schools Name - Print</i> John R. Cox	<i>Director of Schools Signature/Date</i> <i>JRC</i> 8-21-15
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Section 4 - TO BE COMPLETED BY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Teachers & Leaders Recommendation	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Deny (See Comments Below)	
<i>Teachers & Leaders Name - Print</i>	<i>Teachers & Leaders Signature/Date</i>
Amy Wooten	<i>Amy L. Wooten</i> 11.12.15
<i>Candice McQueen, Commissioner of Education</i> Print	<i>Candice McQueen, Commissioner of Education Signature /Date</i>
	<i>Candice McQueen</i> ^{sp} 11/21/15
<i>Additional Comments</i>	

**Employment Standards Waiver Application
Frequently Asked Questions**

- Question:** Who can apply for a waiver?
Answer: Only school districts [not individual educators] may apply for waivers.
- Question:** Are there any restrictions on the endorsements for which the system may acquire a waiver?
Answer: Courses which conclude with an end-of-course exam for high school credit may not be taught on waivers.
- Question:** Where do I locate the Subject and Course Code(s) assignment?
Answer: The information can be found in the Correlations of Course & Endorsement Codes Document.
<http://www.tn.gov/education/districts/correlations.shtml>
- Question:** When must my system apply for a waiver?
Answer: A waiver must be requested and approved if an educator holding an Apprentice, Transitional, or Professional License is scheduled to teach more than one course or more than two sections of one course outside the area of endorsement.
- Question:** What supplemental information or documents should we provide in order to strengthen this application?
Answer: Evidence [original or photocopied documentation] that the educator for whom the waiver is being requested is actively pursuing or engaged in coursework to obtain the endorsement AND/OR registered to take the relevant Praxis exam.
- Question:** How long is an approved waiver valid?
Answer: One academic year [July 1 – June 30]. Waivers must be renewed each year and must include evidence of the applicant's progression toward the additional endorsement.
- Question:** Where can I send this application?
Answer: Please send completed application and supporting documentation to: Tennessee Department of Education, Office of Educator Licensing, 12th floor, 710 James Robertson Pkwy, Nashville TN 37243-0376. Completed applications can be faxed to (615) 532-1448 or emailed to Education.Licensing@tn.gov.
- Question:** If the waiver application is denied, what should we do?
Answer: The system should develop a plan to recruit an educator with the proper endorsement.

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