



Friend Public School
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February 28, 2025

State School Board
Accreditation Division
2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 210
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105-4599

Dear Members of the State School Board,

I am writing to formally request that textbook funds be permitted for the purchase of Alpha Plus books and materials. At Friend School, we have seen significant improvement in student test scores from the 2022-2023 school year to the 2023-2024 school year due to the implementation of Alpha Plus resources. These materials have proven to be highly effective in aligning instruction with state standards and supporting student achievement.

Allowing textbook funds to be allocated for Alpha Plus resources would enable schools like ours to continue utilizing these beneficial materials while freeing up other critical funding for much-needed technology upgrades, including computer replacements and improvements to digital learning infrastructure.

With the growing demand for high-quality instructional materials and modern technology in education, flexibility in the use of textbook funds would greatly benefit our students and teachers. We respectfully ask that the State School Board consider approving the use of these funds for Alpha Plus resources to enhance student learning and success further.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We appreciate your dedication to the advancement of education in Oklahoma and look forward to your support in this matter.

Sincerely,

Susan Coble

Friend School Superintendent and Principal

Flyin' High with Falcon Pride

- A. Reason for the Waiver request. Please include where you intend to allocate the funds that were designated for textbooks and, what alternative means will have to be employed if your waiver was to be denied.

The funds initially designated for textbooks will be allocated toward the purchase of Alpha Plus curriculum materials for students in grades 3 through 8. This curriculum has been instrumental in improving test scores and ensuring a stronger focus on state standards in teaching core subjects.

If the waiver is denied, general funds will be used to cover the cost of these materials, as we firmly believe they will benefit our students and contribute to their academic success.

- B. List alternate strategies/plans which the district/site proposes, and how this plan will best serve the students of your district, i.e., a description of the educational benefits to the students; please include textbooks and instructional materials used by the district for the subject areas being considered in the current textbook adoption cycle are current and appropriate for student learning.

If the waiver is not approved, the district will allocate general funds to cover the cost of Alpha Plus curriculum materials. This ensures continued access to instructional resources that align with state standards and improve student performance. This is the second year to use the Alpha Plus curriculum and the district plans to continue using the curriculum to make improvements in the testing areas of ELA, Math, and Science. Alpha Plus is used in conjunction with additional textbooks and teacher-made materials.

- C. Have you been awarded this waiver before and what was the educational impact to the district: Results of the Statutory Waiver, i.e., effect on student performance levels, impact of plan on other sites in the district.

The district has not been issued a textbook waiver before. However, approval of this waiver will provide the flexibility to allocate general funds to additional areas that directly support student learning and achievement.

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SCHOOL SITE STATUTORY WAIVER/DEREGULATION APPLICATION

for 20 24 - 20 25 school year

Grady COUNTY Friend Public School SCHOOL DISTRICT

1307 County Road 1349 SCHOOL DISTRICT MAILING ADDRESS Chickasha CITY 73018 ZIP CODE

Friend Public School NAME OF SITE

Susan Coble PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE* 02/25/2025 DATE

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Susan Coble SUPERINTENDENT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

scoble@friend.k12.ok.us SUPERINTENDENT E-MAIL ADDRESS

Susan Coble SUPERINTENDENT SIGNATURE* 02/25/2025 DATE

I hereby certify that this waiver/deregulation application was approved by our local board of education at the meeting on February 25, , 20 25

[Signature] BOARD PRESIDENT SIGNATURE*

NOTARY SEAL →

Nancy A. Herndon NOTARY 2/25/2025 DATE

10/23/2026 COMMISSION EXPIRATION DATE

Statute/Oklahoma Administrative Code to be Waived:
(specify statute or OAC (deregulation) number: (see instructions))

*Original signatures are required. The attached questionnaire must be answered to process.**

THE WAIVER/DEREGUALTION IS REQUESTED FOR:

☒ One Year Only

☐ Three Years*

*Please see instruction page for additional requirements for a three year request

SDE USE ONLY

PROJECT YEARS
24 of 25

ENROLLMENT

☐ High School
☐ Jr./Middle High
☐ Elementary
☐ District Total

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Textbook Funds
NAME OF WAIVER

June Bm.

- D. Please describe any financial impact to the District (positive or negative) for the proposed waiver/deregulation?

If the waiver is denied, the district will have to use general funds to cover the cost of the Alpha Plus curriculum. This would significantly limit available resources for other essential needs, including updating the computer lab. Without these updates, students may have reduced access to modern technology, which is critical for digital literacy, research, and state testing preparation.

- E. Describe method of assessment or evaluation of effectiveness of the plan both for staff and students, I.E., TLE, graduation rates, etc.

Friend School will evaluate the impact of Alpha Plus by comparing its assessment scores with state test scores and classroom assessments. This analysis will help gauge the curriculum's effectiveness in improving student learning and mastery of state standards.

- F. Please include with your application the signed minutes from your local board approving this waiver.

**** You will be contacted if more information is needed to process this request.**

FRIEND SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

February 25, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. The members present were Scott Taylor, Jessica Hammons and Caleb McClung. A quorum was established.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. Rose Brown, Ira Mathies, Lilly Dowdle, Stephanie Valerio, Addie Holt, and Dawson Woods were recognized as Students of the Month. The students who were unable to attend the meeting, will be recognized at our Friday Morning Falcon Spotlight meeting.
5. There were no Public Comments.
6. McClung made a motion to approve the following item(s):
 - a) Minutes of the regular Board of Education Meeting on January 28, 2025
 - b) Fundraiser requests
 - c) OKTLE renewal for the 2025-2026 school yearHammons seconded. Vote: Taylor-yes, McClung-yes and Hammons-yes. Motion carried.
7. The superintendent gave her report.
8. McClung made a motion to approve the encumbrances and expenditures. Taylor seconded. Vote: Taylor-yes, McClung-yes and Hammons-yes. Motion carried.
9. McClung made a motion to table the annual contract with Barlow Education Management Services LLC for Federal Programs Management at \$7,380.00. Taylor seconded. Vote: Taylor-yes, McClung-yes and Hammons-yes. Motion carried.
10. McClung made a motion to convene into executive session at 6:44 p.m. to discuss the
 - 1) hiring of certified staff for the 2025-2026 school year
 - 2) evaluation and contract of Susan Coble, SuperintendentHammons seconded. Vote: Taylor-yes, Hammons-yes and McClung-yes. Motion carried.
11. McClung made a motion to return to open session at 7:26 p.m. Hammons seconded. Vote: Taylor-yes, Hammons-yes and McClung-yes. Motion carried.
12. Statement of Executive Session minutes.
13. McClung made a motion that Susan Coble's contract as Superintendent will stay in force with a 5% salary increase starting on July 1, 2025. The contract is through the 2025-2026 school year. Hammons seconded. Vote: Taylor-yes, Hammons-yes and McClung-yes. Motion carried.

14. McClung made a motion to approve the hiring of the certified staff for the 2025-2026, listed on Exhibit A. Hammons seconded. Vote: Taylor-yes, Hammons-yes and McClung-yes. Motion carried.
15. There were no resignations at this time.
16. McClung made a motion to approve the textbook waiver requesting to use textbook funds to pay for Alpha Plus. Hammons seconded. Vote: Taylor-yes, Hammons-yes and McClung-yes. Motion carried.
17. There was no new business.
18. McClung made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Hammons seconded. Vote: Taylor-yes, Hammons-yes and McClung-yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL BY GOVERNING BOARD OF EDUCATION.

President.....

Vice President.....

Clerk.....

Principal.....*Susan Coble*.....