



RYAN WALTERS  
STATE SUPERINTENDENT *of* PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT *of* EDUCATION

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Ryan Walters

**DATE:** July 25, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Deregulation for Library Media Specialist Certificate Exemption

The following school is requesting exemption from library media certification requirements pursuant to 70 O.S. § 3-126 for the 2024-2025 school year. A certified teacher will be used as the librarian while pursuing library media certification. Approval is recommended.

County	District	Waiver Years
Okmulgee	Twin Hills	1 of 1

\* The number in the County category represents the Congressional District.  
See the attached map.

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Attachments

#### Section 42.8.Requirements for Exemption.

A. A school district may develop an educational improvement plan which includes exemption for the educational-related statutory requirements set forth in subsections C of this section and State Board of Education rules for the school district, a school site or any program, grade level, consortium of schools or school districts or other group within the school district. The board of education of the school district shall, through adoption of a resolution, approve the plan prior to application being made to the State board of Education.

B. Each educational improvement plan approved by the State Board of Education shall include the following components:

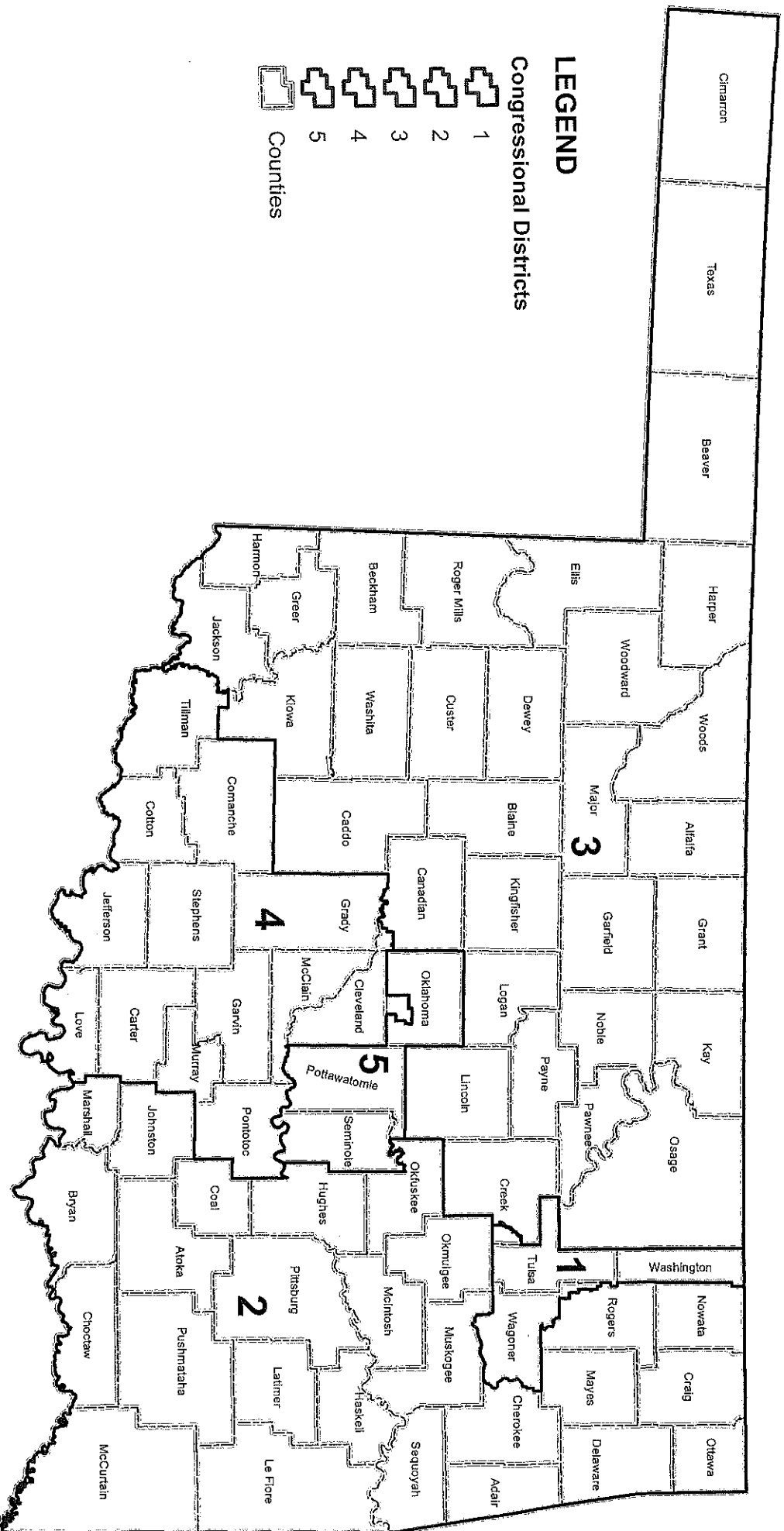
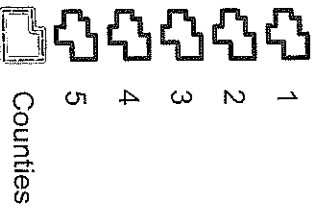
1. A description of the educational benefits to be derived;
2. A definition of the standards of the plan;
3. Development of definitive work products, such as site improvement plans and progress reports;
4. Demonstration of collaboration by teachers, administrators, higher education representatives, students, parents/families, and the community;
5. Development and the use of an assessment mechanism to determine progress in meeting the goals and objectives of the plan;
6. Development of an in-service training plan to be provided to personnel at the site who will participate in the project;
7. Report on the results of the plan to the State Board of Education and provision of appropriate technical assistance to other school districts and the State Department of Education as required; and
8. Explanation of how the plan will affect other schools, program or sites in the district.

C. Each educational improvement plan shall include a list of the specific educational-related statutory requirements and State Board of Education rules the school district is requesting an exemption from and why each exemption is necessary to success of the plan. The school district shall not be granted an exemption from federal educational-related requirements. A school district may request an exemption from any statutory requirement or State Board of Education rule not related to bilingual and special education programs, health and safety provisions, school finance, State Aid, pupil formula weights, teacher salary and teacher retirement, the Oklahoma School Testing Program, the Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program and the teacher preparation, examination, licensure, certification, residency and professional development system. The State Board of Education may grant district-wide exemptions from certification requirements for Library Media Specialist to districts experiencing a shortage in this area. The State Board of Education may grant an exemption from certification requirements for superintendents to any district with an unweighted average daily membership over twenty-five thousand (25,000). (70-3-126)

# Oklahoma Congressional Districts Elections

## LEGEND

### Congressional Districts



**SCHOOL SITE STATUTORY WAIVER/DEREGULATION APPLICATION**  
**for 20 24 - 20 25 school year**

Okmulgee

COUNTY

Twin Hills School

SCHOOL DISTRICT

7225 Twin Hills Rd

SCHOOL DISTRICT MAILING ADDRESS

Okmulgee

CITY

74447

ZIP CODE

Twin Hills Public School

NAME OF SITE

*[Signature]*

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE\*

06/12/2024

DATE

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE\*

DATE

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE\*

DATE

Gary McElroy

SUPERINTENDENT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

gmcelroy@twinhills.k12.ok.us

SUPERINTENDENT E-MAIL ADDRESS

*[Signature]*

SUPERINTENDENT SIGNATURE\*

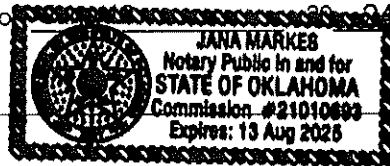
06/12/2024

DATE

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

*[Signature]*

BOARD PRESIDENT SIGNATURE\*



NOTARY SEAL →

*[Signature]*

NOTARY

6-12-24

DATE

8-13-25

COMMISSION EXPIRATION DATE

Statute/Oklahoma Administrative Code to be Waived: 70 O.S. § 3-126  
(specify statute or OAC (deregulation) number: (see instructions))

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

**THE WAIVER/DEREGULATION 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

of

**ENROLLMENT**

☐ High School

☐ Jr./Middle High

☐ Elementary

☐ District Total

**RECEIVED MAY 16 2024**

DATE RECEIVED

70 O.S. 3-126

OAC

*[Signature]*  
NAME OF WAIVER

- A. Reason for the Waiver request. Please include circumstances which necessitate hiring a non certified library media specialist. What alternative means will be employed if your waiver is denied? Where is the applicant as it pertains to their pursuit of their course of study? What percentage of your student population will benefit from the waiver if approved?

Twin Hills School received a waiver for the FY24 school year based on one of our teacher's, Percillia McCrary, being in the library media program through NSU. Mrs. McCrary has now completed 18 credit hours and is on track to be certified at the end of the FY25 school year.

Our library serves 100% of our student body.

If we were not granted a waiver we would house grade level libraries in each classroom dispersing the books in our library.

- B. List alternate strategies/plans which the district/site proposes. How does this plan best serve the students of your district, i.e., a description of the educational benefits to the students and learning achievement? Please list any negative impact if the waiver were to be denied.

Our library serves all of our student body. Each grade level has a scheduled time to send students to the library to check out books. Twin Hills has a strong reading counts program tracking each students point total. Whole class activities are also periodically scheduled in the library as well.

- C. Educational impact to the district: Results of the Statutory Waiver/Deregulation, i.e., effect on student performance levels, impact of plan on other sites in the district.

Twin Hills is a one site school district and our teachers have worked closely with our librarian to make the library the most usefull. Mrs. McCrary knows the importance of interactive library as she was previously a first grade teacher.

- D. Timeline: Please submit class schedule, calendars, assessment forms and other attachments as necessary.

Our library will be available for five periods per day as well as for 20 minutes before the school day begins. Mrs. McCrary will also schedule whole class activities for each early childhood classroom.

- E. Any financial impact to the District (positive or negative) for the proposed waiver/deregulation? If positive please describe where the available would be reallocated.

Twin Hills has already made a larger financial commitment in having a certified teacher as our librarian, because our library had been previously ran by a long time assistant who retired.

- F. Describe method of assessment or evaluation of effectiveness of the plan both for staff and students, I.E., TLE, ACT scores, graduation rates, RSA, School Report Card, etc.

The library program will be evaluated by the effect that it has on each grade level in our school system. Criteria to be evaluated will include accessibility, student friendly environment, usability, etc. During monthly teacher meetings, the administration will request teacher input on the effectiveness of the Library Media Program and suggestions for improving it.

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

# Academic Transcript

N00081628 Percillia R. McCrary  
Jun 10, 2024 09:24 pm

This is not an official transcript. Courses which are in progress may also be included on this transcript.



Please note: The information below is an unofficial copy of your academic transcript which reflects your coursework, credit and grades migrated from Web Services. If you have a Transcript Conversion hold, your converted record has not yet been verified. Your complete academic record will be validated prior to release of your official transcript, at which time the Transcript Conversion hold will be removed.

Institution Credit    Transcript Totals    Courses in Progress

## Transcript Data

### STUDENT INFORMATION

Name : Percillia R. McCrary

Birth Date: 21-FEB

### Curriculum Information

#### Current Program

Master of Science

Major: Library Media and Info  
Tech,MS

\*\*\*Transcript type:UNOF Unofficial Transcript Is NOT Official \*\*\*

### DEGREE AWARDED

Degree Sought: Master of Science    Degree Date:

### Curriculum Information

#### Primary Degree

Major: Library Media and Info Tech,MS

INSTITUTION CREDIT    -Top-

Term: Spring 2023

Academic Standing: Graduate Good Standing

Subject	Course	Level	Title	Grade	Credit Hours	Quality Points	Start and End Dates	R	CEU Contact Hours
EDUC	5463	GR	DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCT STRAT	A	3.000	12.000			
LIBM	5123	GR	SCHOOL LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION	C	3.000	6.000			
				Attempt Hours	Passed Hours	Earned Hours	GPA Hours	Quality Points	GPA
Current Term:				6.000	6.000	6.000	6.000	18.000	3.000
Cumulative:				6.000	6.000	6.000	6.000	18.000	3.000

Unofficial Transcript

Term: Fall 2023

Academic Standing: Graduate Good Standing

Subject	Course	Level	Title	Grade	Credit Hours	Quality Points	Start and End Dates	R	CEU Contact Hours
LIBM	5513	GR	INFO & RESOURCES & SERVICES	B	3.000	9.000			
LIBM	5573	GR	TECH FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIANS	B	3.000	9.000			
				Attempt Hours	Passed Hours	Earned Hours	GPA Hours	Quality Points	GPA
Current Term:				6.000	6.000	6.000	6.000	18.000	3.000
Cumulative:				12.000	12.000	12.000	12.000	36.000	3.000

Unofficial Transcript

Term: Spring 2024

Academic Standing: Graduate Good Standing

Subject	Course	Level	Title	Grade	Credit Hours	Quality Points	Start and End Dates	R	CEU Contact Hours
EDUC	5103	GR	EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH	A	3.000	12.000			
LIBM	5413	GR	COLLECTION DEV & MANAGEMENT	A	3.000	12.000			
				Attempt Hours	Passed Hours	Earned Hours	GPA Hours	Quality Points	GPA
Current Term:				6.000	6.000	6.000	6.000	24.000	4.000

Cumulative: 18.000 18.000 18.000 18.000 60.000 3.333

Unofficial Transcript

TRANSCRIPT TOTALS (GRADUATE) -Top-

	Attempt Hours	Passed Hours	Earned Hours	GPA Hours	Quality Points	GPA
Total Institution:	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000	60.000	3.333
Total Transfer:	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Overall:	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000	60.000	3.333

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COURSES IN PROGRESS -Top-

Term: Summer 2024

Subject	Course	Level	Title	Credit Hours
LIBM	5611	GR	PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING AND DEVELOPMENT	1.000

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Term: Fall 2024

Subject	Course	Level	Title	Credit Hours
LIBM	5013	GR	INTRODUCTION TO LIBRARIANSHIP	3.000
LIBM	5313	GR	ADVANCED MATERIALS FOR YOUNG ADULTS	3.000

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RELEASE: 8.7.1

## Schedule Details

## Requisition Schedules

## ▼ Line Details

Line	3	Status	Open
Description	Line 3 - Laptops for Accreditation staff	Item Category	Computer hardware rer
Item ID		Buyer	GROWLAND Gary Rov
Supplier	0000064944 DELL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC	Manufacturer	
Supplier Location	0011	Manufacturer's Item ID	
Supplier Item ID		UPN Type	
Lead Time Days	0	UPN ID	
Price	20,080.00		
Quantity	1.0000 EACH		
Total Amount	20,080.00 USD		

## Shipping Details

Schedule	Ship To	Address	Quantity	Price	Total
1	26500	STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HODGE BUILDING 2500 N LINCOLN BLVD OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 731054599	1.0000	20,080.00 USD	20,080.00 USD

Jul 8, 2024

To whom it may concern:

My name is Percillia McCrary and I have been a teacher for the last 14 years, 12 of which have been at Twin Hills School. I am enrolled at Northeastern State University to pursue my Masters of Science in Library Media and Information Technology. I have completed 18 hours so far and am on track to graduate in May of 2025

Thank you,  
Percillia McCrary

BOARD MEMBERS:
Brian Costanza, President
Chuck Lewis, Clerk
Dave Miller, Member

## TWIN HILLS SCHOOL

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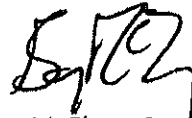
Gary McElroy, Superintendent  
7225 Twin Hills Road  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
918-733-2531 Fax: 918-733-2861

To: Oklahoma State Board of Education  
From: Gary McElroy, Superintendent  
Twin Hills Elementary School  
Re: Library Media Services Waiver  
70 O.S. § 3-126  
Date: June 12, 2024

Twin Hills School is requesting a waiver for our Library Media Services. Twin Hills School currently has 311 students enrolled, and state statute requires our school district to have a full time Library Media Specialist or a half time Library Media Specialist with a full time assistant. Twin Hills School's library had been granted a waiver last school year based on a Twin Hills teacher, Percillia McCrary, enrollment in the NSU library media specialist certification program and had completed six hours. Mrs. McCrary has now completed 18 hours and is on track to be certified at the end of this school year.

In consulting with our teachers, we have determined that the usability and accessibility of our library was consistent with previous years, and we are confident our library will continue to serve all of our student's needs. Thank you for your time and consideration of the attached waiver application.

Sincerely,



Gary McElroy, Superintendent