

**ESEA FLEXIBILITY**  
**Amendment Submission Template**  
**Double-Testing and Determination Flexibility Waiver Request**

November 19, 2013

Dear Assistant Secretary:

I am writing on behalf of Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to request approval to amend the State’s approved ESEA flexibility request. The relevant information, outlined in the *ESEA Flexibility Amendment Submission Process* document, is provided in the table below.

<b>Flexibility Element(s) Affected by the Amendment</b>	<b>Brief Description of Element as Originally Approved</b>	<b>Brief Description of Requested Amendment</b>	<b>Rationale</b>	<b>Process for Consulting with Stakeholders, Summary of Comments, and Changes Made as a Result</b>
<p><i>2.A.i–IV.B: Timeline and Methodology to Identify Reward, Priority, and Focus Schools</i></p> <p><i>Table 2.3: 2014–15 Cohort IV – Reward Schools (page 103).</i></p>	<p>Utilize assessment results from 2012, 2013, and 2014 for identification of Reward schools.</p>	<p>Utilize assessments results for 2012, 2013, and 2013 for schools who only participate in Smarter Balanced Field Test for identification of Reward schools.</p>	<p>The Smarter Balanced Field Test will not yield school results for 2014.</p>	<p>All LEAs were notified in September 2013, regarding Washington's opportunity to participate in the Smarter Balanced Field Test, via OSPI Memorandum No. 042–13, which can be viewed at: <a href="http://www.k12.wa.us/BulletinsMemos/Memos2013/M042-13.doc">http://www.k12.wa.us/BulletinsMemos/Memos2013/M042-13.doc</a>.</p> <p>Per Attachments A, B, and C of Washington’s Field Testing Flexibility waiver request, Washington notified all LEAs and the “public” on November 7, 2013, of Washington’s intent to apply for the Field Test Flexibility Waiver. No</p>

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<p><i>2.D–Priority Schools: Table 2.10: 2014–15 Cohort IV – Newly-Identified Priority Schools (page 131)</i></p>	<p>Utilize assessment results from 2012, 2013, and 2014 for identification of Priority schools.</p>	<p>Utilize assessments results for 2012, 2013, and 2013 for schools who only participate in Smarter Balanced Field Test for identification of Priority schools.</p>	<p>The Smarter Balanced Field Test will not yield school results for 2014.</p>	<p>comments were received.</p> <p>All LEAs were notified in September 2013, regarding Washington's opportunity to participate in the Smarter Balanced Field Test, via OSPI Memorandum No. 042–13, which can be viewed at: <a href="http://www.k12.wa.us/BulletinsMemos/Memos2013/M042-13.doc">http://www.k12.wa.us/BulletinsMemos/Memos2013/M042-13.doc</a>.</p> <p>Per Attachments A, B, and C of Washington's Field Testing Flexibility waiver request, Washington notified all LEAs and the "public" on November 7, 2013, of Washington's intent to apply for the Field Test Flexibility Waiver. No comments were received.</p>
<p><i>2.E–Focus Schools: Table 2.14: 2014–15 Cohort IV – Newly-Identified Focus Schools (page 149)</i></p>	<p>Utilize assessment results from 2012, 2013, and 2014 for identification of Focus schools.</p>	<p>Utilize assessments results for 2012, 2013, and 2013 for schools who only participate in Smarter Balanced Field Test for identification of Focus schools.</p>	<p>The Smarter Balanced Field Test will not yield school results for 2014.</p>	<p>All LEAs were notified in September 2013, regarding Washington's opportunity to participate in the Smarter Balanced Field Test, via OSPI Memorandum No. 042–13, which can be viewed at: <a href="http://www.k12.wa.us/BulletinsMemos/Memos2013/M042-13.doc">http://www.k12.wa.us/BulletinsMemos/Memos2013/M042-13.doc</a>.</p> <p>Per Attachments A, B, and C of</p>

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Attached to this letter is a redlined version of the pages from our approved ESEA flexibility request that would be impacted with strikeouts and additions to demonstrate how the request would change with approval of the proposed amendment. Please contact Gil Mendoza, Assistant Superintendent of Special Programs and Federal Accountability via email at [gil.mendoza@k12.wa.us](mailto:gil.mendoza@k12.wa.us) or by phone at (360) 725-6170 if you have any questions regarding this proposed amendment.

The Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) acknowledges that the U.S. Department of Education may request supplementary information to inform consideration of this request.




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