

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice of OSPI Speaking and Listening Waiver Request to the U.S. Department of Education for the 2015–16 and 2016–17 School Years.

On behalf of the State of Washington, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) will submit the waiver application request, specified below, to the U.S. Department of Education regarding section 1111(b)(3)(C)(ii) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB).

- Request to waive for the 2015–16 and 2016–17 school years measuring the content included in Washington’s speaking and listening strand that is not otherwise currently assessed by the state and is part of the state’s English language arts academic content standards.

The U.S. Department of Education requires states to provide all school districts and interested parties in the state with notice and a reasonable opportunity to comment on this waiver request. We are providing this notice by sending an email over OSPI’s distribution lists and posting the waiver application on the OSPI’s public website. Any public comments must be submitted prior to 5:00 p.m. on April 6, 2016. To review an electronic copy of this waiver request, refer to <http://www.k12.wa.us/ESEA/PublicNoticesWaivers.aspx>.

Please submit any written comments regarding this waiver application on the survey provided at the following link: <http://www.surveymzmo.com/s3/2663264/Speaking-Waiver-Request-Comment-Survey>. Thank you for your attention to this matter.