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STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Janet Barresi
DATE: May 24, 2012
SUBJECT: Deregulation for Library Media Services

The following school is requesting deregulation for the 2012-2013 school year, in order to provide library services to their students by an alternative means. Approval is recommended.

District	County	Regulation	Alternative Means	Request Years
Sterling Public Schools	Comanche (4)*	OAC 210:35-5-71 OAC 210:35-9-71	use a 1/5 th time Library Media Specialist and a full-time assistant	4

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

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Attachments

210:35-5-71. STAFFING.

The school shall provide staffing for the media program through one of the following arrangements:

(1) OPTION A.

ENROLLMENT

QUALIFIED SPECIALIST REQUIRED

Fewer than 300

At least a half-time certified library media specialist (librarian)

300 to 499

At least one full-time certified library media specialist (librarian) or a half-time certified library media specialist (librarian) and a full-time library assistant.

500-999

At least one full-time certified library media specialist (librarian) and a half-time library assistant

(2) OPTION B.

ENROLLMENT

QUALIFIED SPECIALIST REQUIRED

Fewer than 300

At least one-fifth time certified library media specialist (librarian) and a full-time library assistant.

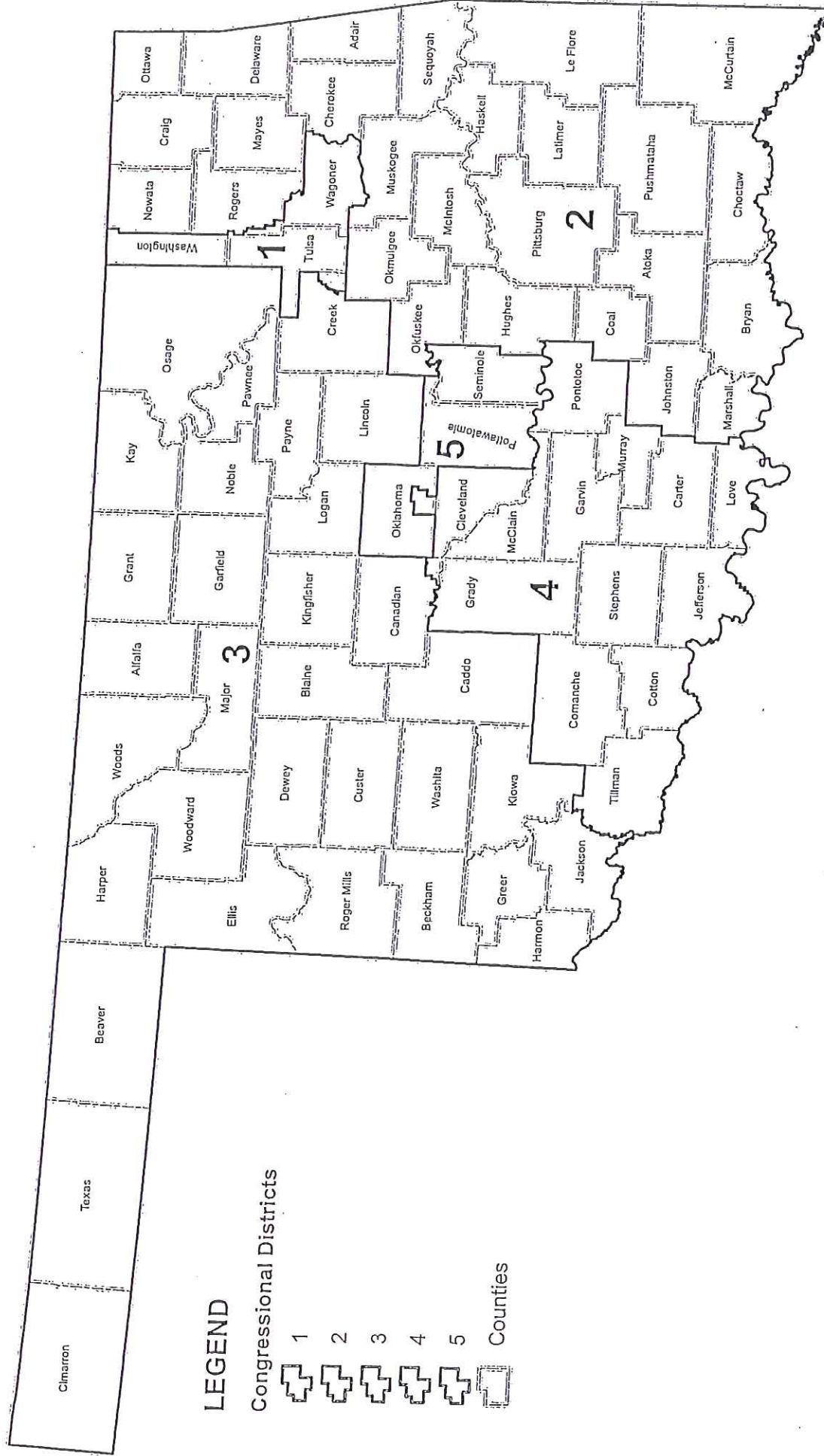
300 to 499

At least a half-time certified library media specialist (librarian) and a full-time library assistant.

500 +

At least one full-time certified library media specialist (librarian) and a half-time library assistant.

Oklahoma Congressional Districts 2012 - 2020 Elections



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STATE DEPT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL SITE DEREGULATION APPLICATION
FOR 20 12 - 20 13 SCHOOL YEAR

Name of Site(s): Elementary PK-8
High School 9-12

Name of School District: Sterling

Signature of Principal(s):* Mats Long Date 4-11-12

Santhosh Date 4-11-12

Date _____

Signature of Superintendent:* Julie Pahl

County Name: Comanche

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PROJECT YEARS

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ENROLLMENT

High School 106

Jr./Middle High 0

Elementary 319

District Total 425

Date Received _____

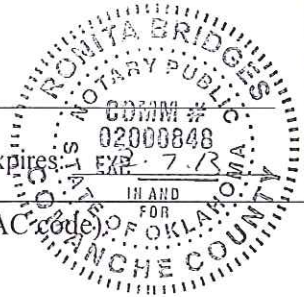
OAC: _____

I hereby certify that this deregulation application was approved by our
local board of education at the meeting on April 16, 20 12.

[Signature]
Signature of Board President*

Notary: [Signature]

Date: 4-16-12 My Commission Expires: 7-13



1. **Statement of the Regulation** (specify OAC code)

OAC 210-35-5-71

OAC 210-35-9-71

*Original signatures are required.

2. **Alternate Strategy:** (Clearly state alternative strategy (ies) which the district proposes and what results are to occur.)

The District Plan is to employ a Certified Library Media Specialist 1/5 time and a full time library assistant to implement and advance our current library services to students PK-12. This strategy will allow the programs listed below to continue being offered on a full-time basis.

Regular Circulation	PK-12
Story Time	PK-K
Accelerated Reader	1-8
Research Orientation	7-12
Information Literacy Skills	4-6
Basic Library Skills	1-3
Noon Library	7-12
After School Reading	1-6
Summer Reading	K-12

3. **Resources Needed:** (Outline materials, supplies, staff, etc. that will be needed for this new approach.)

Not applicable since the district has operated with high efficiency under this same plan for the previous three years. The district continues to expend funds for the library even though waivers have removed the per pupil expenditure of library funds the past two years.

Our Library Specialist continues to work to get grants to help with materials to keep our library current in its offerings.

4. **Student and/or School Site Performance Levels to be Demonstrated:**

The District's student performance goal is to have all students reading on grade level. Last year we implemented the Readiness by Third Grade Program. Students will continue to participate in the Accelerated Reader Program and have access to the library 100% of the school day. The Certified Library Media Specialist will create lesson plans and activities to be implemented by the library assistant.

The District has seen an increase in student performance on EOI tests and will continue to examine test scores for positive growth with the implementation of the Common Core Standards. The library serves our secondary students not only in research but also in reading to improve overall academic performance.

5. **Evaluation Procedures and/or Process:** (Outline procedures/process to be followed and submit follow-up report to SDE at the end of the school year.)

The District will continue to survey and seek input from students, teachers, parents, library staff, and administrators as to the effectiveness of the library services offered by the school.

Annual evaluations of the library staff will be conducted by the district's administration.

Reading levels and test scores will be used to guide the needs and effectiveness of our library services. Circulation percentages will also be evaluated to reflect the library services and student engagement.

6. **Financial Impact to the District of the Proposed Deregulation:**

Not applicable. Sterling is a small rural school thus it is extremely difficult to employ a Certified Library Media Specialist on a half-time basis as required by the State Regulation for our school size.

7. **Timeline(s):** (Please submit class schedule, calendars, assessment forms, and other attachments as necessary.)

This request is for the 2012-2013 school year.



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April 11, 2012

Accreditation Department,

This request for the De-Regulation of Library Services for 2012-2013 is made on behalf of Sterling Public Schools. The district has been granted the opportunity to service our students using a 1/5 time retired certified library media specialist and a full-time library assistant for the three previous years.

Our library continues to grow in circulation and in usage with our students PK-12. Mrs. Cook, our certified library media specialist, is absolutely wonderful with all of our students. Two years ago, she began keeping the library open during lunch for our 7-12 grade students. We now average at least 30 students everyday who come to the library to read, use the computers, and work puzzles or some other activity she has provided. She has made our library inviting and interesting to our students. The district has been awarded over \$2,000 in grants and/or donations this year for the library due to Mrs. Cook's efforts. Mrs. Cook also volunteers her time one day a week to keep the library open for two hours after school, and she plans to extend that offering two days a week during the summer months.

Circulation Numbers to support the increase in our library success.

- 2009- 6119
- 2010- 6802
- 2011- 9452
- 2012- 11,014 to date

. Being a small rural school, it is difficult to find a Certified Library Media Specialist on a half-time basis, which would meet our state mandated regulation for our school size. The district will continue the employment of Mrs. Kuntz as our full-time library assistant to Mrs. Cook. Mrs. Cook has truly transformed our library in the past three years. She is truly an asset to the students of Sterling Public Schools and has made more of an impact with our students than the full-time librarian we previously employed. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request for the benefit of Sterling Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Julie Poteete, Superintendent