

ELEMENTARY ASSESSMENT WAIVER

Sec. 3301.0711 (K)(2) A chartered nonpublic school may submit to the superintendent of public instruction a request for a waiver from administering the elementary assessments prescribed by division (A) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code. The state superintendent shall approve or disapprove a request for a waiver submitted under division (K)(2) of this section. No waiver shall be approved for any school year prior to the 2015-2016 school year.

To be eligible to submit a request for a waiver, a chartered nonpublic school shall meet the following conditions:

- (a) At least ninety-five per cent of the students enrolled in the school are children with disabilities, as defined under section [3323.01](#) of the Revised Code, or have received a diagnosis by a school district or from a physician, including a neuropsychiatrist or psychiatrist, or a psychologist who is authorized to practice in this or another state as having a condition that impairs academic performance, such as dyslexia, dyscalculia, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or Asperger's syndrome.
- (b) The school has solely served a student population described in division (K)(2)(a through c) of this section for at least ten years.
- (c) The school provides to the department at least five years of records of internal testing conducted by the school that affords the department data required for accountability purposes, including diagnostic assessments and nationally standardized norm-referenced achievement assessments that measure reading and math skills.

Process:

I. Data Collection

With the annual registration for the Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship program, the school principal will upload a document to the Scholarship system with the following information:

- Evidence showing for at least 10 years the school has served a population of students of which 95% had an ETR or condition impairing academic performance
- Number of currently enrolled students
- Number of currently enrolled students with an Evaluation Team Report (ETR)
- Number of currently enrolled students with a diagnosis of a condition that impairs academic performance
- Identification of the diagnostic assessments and nationally standardized norm-referenced achievement assessments used for the past five years.

II. Data Verification

- ODE staff will schedule a meeting at the school to verify the submitted data by reviewing a sample of the student records, including test results

III. Issuance of Waiver

- The waiver will be issued for the school year if the verification meeting finds no inconsistencies with the data collection.

IV. Continuance of Waiver

- The school principal will annually provide the items in *Data Collection* with the annual renewal application to be approved as Jon Peterson Scholarship provider.
- A data verification meeting will be conducted on a five year cycle.