

TRIO Wolf Creek Distance Learning Charter School #4095

Procedure 122

Rigorous Course Waivers

Before a School Board can approve the rigorous course waiver for a student, the law specifies that all three of the following requirements must be met:

1. The student is participating in a course of study, learning opportunity outside the charter school curriculum, or an approved employment preparatory program for employment or postsecondary education that is equally or more rigorous than the corresponding state or local academic standard: and
2. The student would be precluded from participating in the rigorous course of study if the student were required to achieve the academic standard to be waived; and
3. The student satisfactorily completes the requirements for the rigorous course of study learning opportunity, or preparatory employment or postsecondary education program.

Also to approve the rigorous course waiver the following must be submitted to the charter school director before the first day of school in the school year in which the waiver is being requested.

- An official transcript or other document that shows successful completion of the course of study.
- A written document that clearly states all benchmarks and standards from which the student is requesting to be waived and a clear correlation is shown between these standards and the course of study taken.
- A course outline or other documentation on both the topics covered in the course or course of study and the institution at which the course was taken or the placement from which the course of study was taken.
- A letter to be signed and dated by the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) and placed in the student's cumulative folder stating the following:

"I have reviewed the academic standards that will be waived if my child satisfactorily completes the _____ (course name), and hereby provide my consent for the waiver to be considered by the school board".

It is the responsibility of the charter school Director under the advisement of the local school board to determine if this rigorous course waiver falls within the parameters set forth by both Minnesota statute and charter school policy. The local school board retains responsibility or adherence to the law when determining whether particular rigorous educational experiences qualify for a waiver from required academic standards.