

2011 Supplemental Educational Services/Public School Choice Request for Comments

Missouri intends to request the following waivers. Missouri believes these waivers will allow schools to implement the Supplemental Educational Services (SES) and Public School Choice programs effectively in eligible schools in order to improve the quality of instruction and raise the academic achievement of students in Title 1 schools.

Waiver 1 – A waiver of the provision that prohibits a state educational agency (SEA) from approving as a provider of supplemental educational services a school identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring or a local educational agency (LEA) identified for improvement or corrective action (34 C.F.R. § 200.47(b)(1)(iv)(A), (B)).

Waiver 2 – A waiver that would provide a LEA with the flexibility to offer SES to eligible students in Title I schools in year one of improvement (a year earlier than the law normally requires), in addition to offering public school choice options to students in those schools, and to count the costs of providing SES to those students toward meeting the LEA’s “20 percent obligation.”

Please send comments to webreplyimprfdg@dese.mo.gov by April 26, 2011.