



January 21, 2022

Dear Director Bean,

Thank you for your waiver submission on January 20, 2022.

The commissioner of education may consider waivers related to of the provisions of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. Chapters 0520-01-03 and 0520-01-13 related to remote instruction to the extent necessary to allow students affected at the classroom or school level by COVID-19 isolation or quarantine to participate in remote instruction. As stated, your district still has the authority to quarantine students and staff on an individual case-by-case basis (not in the aggregate). Waivers will only be considered when a LEA can document and demonstrate a significant impact of COVID-19 quarantine or isolation on school operations, impacting students, teachers, and/or staff. Please note, if a waiver request is granted to a school, all extracurricular activities for that school must also be cancelled for the duration of the waiver period.

The waiver submitted by **Franklin County Schools** for Franklin County High School, Huntland School, South Middle School, North Middle School, Rock Creek Elementary School, Clark Memorial, Dechend Elementary, Sewanee Elementary, Cowan Elementary, Broadview Elementary, and Northlake Elementary is **approved** at this time.

If not already in place, the department also continues to encourage all districts to implement as many mitigation strategies as possible to contain the spread of COVID-19, limit quarantines, and remain in-person, such as utilizing:

- The same or enhanced mitigation strategies used last school year such as temperature checks, physical distancing, frequent handwashing, etc.
- Seating charts in all settings, including classrooms, cafeteria/meals, bus routes, etc.
- Proactively stocking non-perishable items for breakfasts/lunches to account for meal staff absences
- Cohorting students to limit close contacts
- The consideration of masking

I continue to be incredibly grateful for the work of your district, educators, students and families as we collectively address and respond to COVID-19.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Penny Schwinn". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Penny Schwinn, PhD, MAT
Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Education



Local Education Agency Waiver Request Application: COVID-19 Relief

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Franklin Co Board of Education

Local Education Agency

Street City Zip
Director of Schools (Signature) Date
1.21.22

1. Number of classrooms for which you are requesting a waiver:

Table with 8 columns: Grade of Classroom, Name of School, # of Teachers, % of Teachers, # of Staff, % of Staff, # of Students, % of Students. Includes sub-header 'In Quarantine or Isolation'.

Please explain why this waiver is necessary and in-person instruction is not feasible at this time:

2. Number of schools for which you are requesting a waiver: 1

Table with 7 columns: Name of School, # of Teachers, % of Teachers, # of Staff, % of Staff, # of Students, % of Students. Includes sub-header 'In Quarantine or Isolation'. Row 1: South Middle School, 5, 17%, 3, 20%, 57, 20%.

Please explain why this waiver is necessary and in-person instruction is not feasible at this time:

We have several teachers out and kids absences are rising.



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Franklin County School District

Local Education Agency

215 South College Street

Winchester

37398

Street

City

Zip

01/21/2022

Director of Schools (Signature)

Date

1. Number of **classrooms** for which you are requesting a waiver: _____

Grade of Classroom	Name of School	In Quarantine or Isolation					
		# of Teachers	% of Teachers	# of Staff	% of Staff	# of Students	% of Students

Please explain why this waiver is necessary and in-person instruction is not feasible at this time:

COVID cases in the FC community have risen considerably with over 1,000 positive cases in our county. In an attempt to slow the spread and keep all faculty, staff, and students healthy, feel being out Monday, January 25th and Tuesday, January 26th would help accomplish this.

2. Number of **schools** for which you are requesting a waiver: 1

Name of School	In Quarantine or Isolation					
	# of Teachers	% of Teachers	# of Staff	% of Staff	# of Students	% of Students
North Middle School	4	9%	9	40%	70	10%

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Franklin County Board of Education

Local Education Agency

219 South College Street

Winchester

37398

Street

City

Zip

Shay B.

1.21.22

Director of Schools (Signature)

Date

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2. Number of schools for which you are requesting a waiver: 1

Name of School	# of Teachers	% of Teachers	In Quarantine or Isolation		# of Students	% of Students
			# of Staff	% of Staff		
<u>Rock Creek Elementary School</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>34%</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>21%</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>24%</u>

Please explain why this waiver is necessary and in-person instruction is not feasible at this time:

Due to the rise of positive COVID cases and exposures at Rock Creek, we are short staffed, and we are having more students leave daily. If we are approved to teach remotely, our students will continue to receive their education. We are hoping this will reduce the spread of the virus.



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Franklin County Board of Education
 Local Education Agency
215 S. College St. Winchester 37398
 Street City Zip
Shirley B. 1-21-22
 Director of Schools (Signature) Date

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2. Number of schools for which you are requesting a waiver: 1

Name of School	In Quarantine or Isolation					
	# of Teachers	% of Teachers	# of Staff	% of Staff	# of Students	% of Students
<u>Dechard Elementary</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>21%</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>23%</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>21%</u>

Please explain why this waiver is necessary and in-person instruction is not feasible at this time:

Due to a spike in Covid cases and exposures to Covid, our faculty, staff + students % of absences are increasing daily. ~~we are~~ If we are approved we will continue to teach remotely & hopefully reduce the spread of the virus.



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Franklin County Board of Education
Local Education Agency
215 S College Street Winchester 37898
Street City Zip
[Signature] 1-21-22
Director of Schools (Signature) Date

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Please explain why this waiver is necessary and in-person instruction is not feasible at this time:

Our numbers of isolation and people in quarantine are rising quickly. We don't have the staff or subs to work.



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 Local Education Agency
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 Stacy Ben 1-21-22
 Director of Schools (Signature) Date

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Cowan Elementary	20	30%	18	1%	210	11%

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215 South College Street

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Stanley K. Bean

Director of Schools (Signature)

1.19.2022

Date

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Please explain why this waiver is necessary and in-person instruction is not feasible at this time:

Due to the rise of positive Covid cases and exposures at Northlake School, we are short staffed and our students are learning daily. If we are approved to teach virtually, our students will continue to receive their education and it will hopefully reduce the spread of the virus.