

Public Notice and Opportunity to Comment

2026–2027 Ed-Flex Waiver Application

Star City School District intends to apply to the Arkansas Department of Education for waivers of certain federal requirements through the **Education Flexibility Partnership Act (Ed-Flex)**. Ed-Flex provides school districts with greater flexibility in administering certain federal programs while maintaining accountability for student performance.

Star City School District is seeking the following flexibilities for the 2026–2027 school year:

Time-and-Effort Certification Forms

Federal requirement: 2 C.F.R. § 200.430(g)

This flexibility removes certain time certification paperwork requirements for employees working entirely within a single eligible federal program.

Expected benefit: Reducing administrative paperwork will allow staff and administrators to devote more time to supporting students, teachers, and classrooms.

Title I, Part A – 15% Carryover Limitation

Federal requirement: ESEA § 1127(a)

This flexibility allows the District to carry over more than 15% of unspent Title I, Part A funds into the following fiscal year.

Expected benefit: The District will have greater flexibility to plan and sustain academic interventions, tutoring, literacy initiatives, and other instructional supports based on identified student needs.

Title I, Part A – 125% Per-Pupil Allocation Rule

Federal requirement: ESEA § 1113(c)(2)(A); 34 C.F.R. § 200.78(b)

This flexibility allows the District to allocate Title I funding among participating schools based on identified needs rather than a fixed per-pupil formula.

Expected benefit: Title I resources can be better aligned with student needs and directed toward the schools and students needing the greatest academic support.

Title IV, Part A – Required Spending Categories

Federal requirement: ESEA § 4106(e)

This flexibility removes required minimum spending percentages among well-rounded education, safe and healthy students, and educational technology categories.

Expected benefit: Star City School District will be able to direct Title IV, Part A funds toward its highest-priority student needs rather than being limited by predetermined spending percentages.

We Welcome Your Comments

Parents, educators, school administrators, students, and other interested community members are invited to provide feedback regarding Star City School District's proposed Ed-Flex waiver application.

Public Comment Period: 9/9/2026 through 9/23/2026

[\[SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENT\]](#)

The link above will direct you to a brief Google Form where comments may be submitted. Providing your name and contact information is optional.

All comments received during the public comment period will be submitted to the Arkansas Department of Education with the District's application.

For questions regarding the proposed Ed-Flex waiver application, please contact:

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