

Title I, Part A Accountability Waiver Requests for School Year 2020-2021 Summary of Public Comments Made During 60-day Comment Period, with Response from ED

Comments Requesting ESEA Testing Waivers

Comments: The Department reviewed the 3,315 comments submitted during the 60-day comment period for this collection. Virtually all of these comments were related to assessments under the ESEA, urging the Department to waive ESEA assessment requirements, which was not the topic of the accountability waiver template. The Department invited waivers for the 2020-2021 school year of accountability, school identification, and related reporting requirements under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESEA), pursuant to the Department's authority under section 8401 of the ESEA. Most importantly, no comments addressed the Department's burden estimate for the accountability waiver template.

Response: The Department appreciates the comments on this collection. However, the collection is not related to assessments under the ESEA so comments suggesting that the Department invite assessment waivers were not related to this request. Therefore, there were no comments to consider that related to the accountability waiver template. In addition, almost all States have already used the template to request accountability waivers for the 2020-2021 school year,. Therefore, the result is that the Department is not making any changes to the accountability waiver template.

Change: No change.