

Fresno Unified files for ‘No Child’ waiver extension

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Fresno Unified officials are eying three more years of reprieve from stringent federal No Child Left Behind regulations.

The district was one of six in California that submitted a request to the federal U.S. Department of Education this week that, if approved, would give the district freedom from certain federal testing rules and other restrictions, like how it uses Title I dollars.

The district is part of a nonprofit umbrella organization called the California Office to Reform Education that for two years has helped a handful of California districts submit and secure waivers. California is one of the few states that does not have a statewide waiver.

During the last go-round, federal officials had [words of warning](#) to the CORE districts. If the districts didn't develop teacher and principal evaluations that met the waiver's guidelines, they would be at risk of not receiving the waiver in the future.

In a statement Tuesday, CORE officials said the districts seeking a waiver intend to give federal education leaders an updated set of teacher evaluation blueprints this spring.

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