



**Norwood Public Schools**  
**English Language Learner Program**  
**Waiver Form – under 10 years**

G.L. c.71A School District Program Waiver Application Form for English Learners

*Student under 10 Years of Age*

**A. Background Information**

1. Name of Student	
2. Date of Birth	
3. Date student was placed in an English language classroom	
4. Date parent(s) or legal guardian(s) visited school to apply for waiver (at least 30 calendar days after student was placed in an English language classroom)	

**B. Parent or Guardian Informed of Consent**

Parents or guardians must review and sign the Parent or Guardian Informed Consent Form (Attachment A). This form must be provided in a language the parent or guardian understands. The signed Informed Consent Form should be attached to this form and kept on file.

**C. Determination Regarding Waiver Request**

**1. Waiver request approved** (school officials must sign here)

*It is our informed belief that an alternate course of educational study is better suited to the student's overall educational progress and rapid acquisition of English. The student will be placed in a transitional bilingual class or (describe other type of language support) on (insert date).*

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Principal (signature and date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Other educational staff who participated in the Decision (signature, title, and date)

**2. Waiver Request denied** (school officials must sign here)

*It is our informed belief that an alternate course of educational student would **not** be better suited to the student's overall educational progress and rapid acquisition of English.*

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School Principal (signature and date)

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Other educational staff who participated in the Decision (signature, title, and date)

**D. Appeals Process** (optional)

If the waiver is denied and if the district guidelines contain an appeals process, did the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) appeal the decision? If yes, what was the final determination of the school officials?

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School Year:**

**G.L. c.71A Program Waiver**

**Parent of Guardian Informed Consent Form\***

I am knowingly and voluntarily requesting that my child receive a waiver from the requirements of G.L. c.71A as amended ("Question2"). I understand that if school officials grant my waiver request my child will receive bilingual instruction or some other type of language support rather than sheltered English immersion instruction. Upon my personal visit to the school, school officials provided me with a full description, in a language that I understand, of the educational materials to be used in the different educational program choices and of all the educational opportunities available to my child.

Based on this information, which I have read and understood, I am requesting a program waiver for my child for the aforementioned school year. I have been fully informed of my right not to apply for or agree to a program waiver.

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Child's Name

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Parent or Guardian Signature

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Parent or Guardian Signature

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Date

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Date

*\*If the Parent and Guardian Informed Consent Form is provided in a language other than English, attach that form to the waiver application.*

**Attachment B**

**Norwood Public Schools**

**School Year:**

**Approved Waivers for Students under 10 Years of Age**

**Instructions:** School officials must provide documentation in no less than 250 words of the student's special and individual physical or psychological needs, separate from lack of English proficiency, that makes an alternative course of educational study better suited to the student's overall educational development and rapid acquisition of English. The documentation must be attached to the signed Program Waiver Application Form and a copy placed in the student's permanent school record.

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This statement was prepared by (typed name, title, and signature):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Typed name, Title

Date: \_\_\_\_\_