

The Great Academy Charter School 2016 - 2021 Contract
Exhibit 2: WAIVERS

Section 4.02(f)(i) <u>Automatic</u> Waivers that the Charter intends to utilize, and the alternative provisions that the School will use instead of the waiver provision	<u>Waiver</u>	<u>Alternative Proposed</u>
	Individual Class Load	TGA utilizes this waiver so that classes are able to have more than the state minimum. This is often necessary in the computer lab setting.
	Teaching Load	TGA utilizes this waiver to allow the daily teaching load per teacher to exceed the established limits.
	Length of School Day and School year	TGA utilizes this waiver because it has a self-pacing curriculum.
	Staffing Pattern	TGA utilizes this waiver to modify the staffing pattern to implement its curriculum and to balance out the case load for teachers to address enrollment issues.
	Subject Area	n/a
	Purchase of Instructional Materials	TGA utilizes this waiver because the school's curriculum requires materials acquired from sources that may not be on the NMPED instructional materials list.
	Evaluation standards for School personnel	n/a
	School Principal duties	<p>TGA utilizes this waiver to allow the school's principal to serve in capacities that might fall outside that of a typical principal.</p> <p>The Charter Schools Act provides that a charter school top executive is referred to as a "head administrator". NMSA 1978, 22-8B-10(A). The NMPED regulation defines "head administrator" as "the duly licensed school administrator who is the chief executive officer of the charter school," and "chief executive officer" means the person with duties similar to that of a superintendent as set forth in 22-5-14 NMSA 1978, 6.80.4.7. Thus, the duties of a charter school administrator include: carrying out educational policy and rules of the governing body, administering and supervising the school, making all employment decisions, preparing and overseeing the school budget,</p>

		<p>and such other functions as required by law.</p> <p>The responsibilities of a charter school head administrator include, but may differ from a school district building "principal", as defined in NMSA 1978, 22-10A-18. Thus, TGA's head administrator will have assignments and duties that differ from the statutory definition of a "principal".</p>
	Driver education	. The school may assist students with locating local driving schools/instructors, but the students will be responsible for obtaining the education if desired.
Section 4.02(f)(ii) <u>Discretionary Waivers</u> that the Charter proposes, and the rationale for these waivers	<p><i>Identify any Discretionary Waivers that the School is requesting and provide a rationale for each request.</i></p> <p>N/A</p>	None.