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<b>Alabama</b>  Status: Undecided; did not submit letter of intent		<a href="#">August 11</a> : State not requesting waiver yet  <a href="#">Sept 24</a> : Alabama officials undecided on seeking NCLB waiver	Sept 24-State Sup. Bice said an analysis of the waivers will be presented to the State Board, which will make the final decision.	<a href="#">-72% of Alabama schools met AYP</a> compared to 75% in 2010
<b>Alaska</b>  Status: Undecided; did not submit letter of intent		<a href="#">Sept 8</a> : Alaska to look at NCLB waivers  <a href="#">Sept 25</a> : State to study federal testing waivers  <a href="#">Sept 26</a> : Murkowski criticizes NCLB waiver offer	Sept 8: Sen. Mark Begich endorsed the proposed waivers and recommended the governor support the motion.  Sept 25: One official said a review of the waiver terms will take several weeks and doesn't know if the state is interested  Sept 26 – Senator Murkowski - “You cannot bypass Congress when you are changing education policy. The waiver deal will exchange a set of one-size-fits-all rules with rules Secretary Duncan likes. In case he has forgotten, he is the Sec. of Education, not the Sup. Of Alaska.”	<a href="#">-46% of schools made AYP</a> compared to 59% in 2010
<b>Arizona</b>  Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in February 2012		<a href="#">Sept 26</a> : Obama offers states more flexibility to meet NCLB	Sept 26-Arizona has implemented its own education reform in recent months – including new methods for evaluating teachers and measuring school achievement – but has not decided whether to apply for the Obama waivers	<a href="#">58% of schools made AYP</a> compared to 71% in 2010



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<b>Arkansas</b>  Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in February 2012	<a href="#">Schedule</a> of Arkansas public meetings on NCLB waivers	<a href="#">Nov 2</a> : Ark. Education Dept. to hold waiver meetings		41% of schools made AYP <a href="#">LAST YEAR</a> . Data for this year is not available yet.
<b>California</b>  Status: Undecided; did not submit letter of intent	<p><a href="#">Press release</a>: Schools Chief Torlakson Seeks Relief from NCLB Sanctions</p> <p><a href="#">Text of letter</a> to Duncan</p> <p>Sept 23 <a href="#">press release</a>: Torlakson: "Today's announcement represents an acknowledgement by the Administration that the one-size-fits-all policies of No Child Left Behind are unworkable. "We are carefully examining the proposal, which would appear to cost billions of dollars to fully implement. "I would hope that the Administration is prepared to provide the funds necessary to</p>	<a href="#">Aug 25</a> : California Seeking "No Child Left Behind" Waiver	Torlakson's letter asked the Department of Education to maintain the failing school labels from the 2010-11 school year. That would keep any additional schools from being sanctioned and prevent the restrictions at already failing schools from increasing.	<a href="#">49% of schools made AYP</a> compared to 46% in 2010



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	implement these provisions, or provide greater flexibility to California, which already has a strong school accountability system in place.			
<p><b>Colorado</b></p> <p>Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in November 2011. Draft waiver is on the CDE website.</p>	<p>Sept 23 <a href="#">press release</a>: -Colorado anticipates its waiver application will be sent to ED in November, and anticipates notification of its approval status in January 2012.</p> <p>CDE has posted a draft of their waiver application, and are accepting comments on the waiver up to 4 pm on Monday, November 7.</p> <p><a href="#">Waiver application</a></p> <p><a href="#">Press release</a>: CDE will request waivers of eleven ESEA requirements (listed in the release)</p>	<p><a href="#">Aug 9</a>: Colorado considers applying for No Child waiver</p> <p><a href="#">Aug 4</a>: SBE mulls test costs, NCLB wavier</p> <p><a href="#">Oct 14</a>: Colorado to seek NCLB waiver, despite doubts on flexibility</p>	<p>Aug 4: Hammond told the board, “We’ve formed a team to start the waiver process” from the NCLB law. “It would be a tremendous workload help for school districts if they had only one accountability system.”</p> <p>Sept 23: Waivers sought by the department of education will end the state’s use of two different education accountability systems which has often created confusion because each measures different things and can result in very different labels for schools.</p> <p>Colorado’s own accountability system is thought to be stronger and more robust than the older national system. For example,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· The Colorado Growth Model which focuses on student’s academic growth over time strengthens Coloradoans’ ability to gauge students’ progress toward</li> </ul>	



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			<p>proficiency. In fact, the Colorado-developed model of student growth is now being used by 14 other states.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Enactment of CAP4K has resulted in leaner, clearer standards and a more comprehensive assessment system focused on college and career readiness.</li> <li>· Enactment of the state’s Educator Effectiveness system will help ensure that every school building has a strong leader and every classroom has an effective teacher.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Connecticut</b></p> <p>Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in February 2012</p>		<p><a href="#">Aug 2</a>: Connecticut may seek waiver from NCLB requirements</p> <p><a href="#">Aug 14</a>: Connecticut Mulls Education Waiver</p> <p><a href="#">Sept 26</a>: Education officials dig into details of ‘No Child’ waiver</p>	<p>"We do not have the resources necessary to do what No Child Left Behind requires," said State Board of Education Chairman Allan B. Taylor. "Connecticut should certainly apply for a waiver."</p> <p>Connecticut state Board of Education Chairman Allan Taylor said the No Child Left Behind requirement for math and reading proficiency from every student by 2014 is not possible, at least not without shifting huge amounts of money away from other necessities.</p> <p>Sept 26: Gov. Dannel P. Malloy announced Friday that the state would</p>	<p><a href="#">53% of schools made AYP</a> compared to 72% in 2010</p>



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			seek a waiver.	
<b>Delaware</b>  Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in February 2012	<a href="#">Sept 23</a> : Secretary Lowery Joins Obama, Duncan for NCLB announcement	<a href="#">Sept 23</a> : New Jersey and Delaware to be first in line for NCLB waivers		<a href="#">66% of schools made AYP</a> compared to 71% in 2010
<b>District of Columbia</b>  Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in February 2012		<a href="#">Sept 22</a> : Obama prepares to revamp NCLB	Sept 22: DC officials want to see the conditions first.	
<b>Florida</b>  Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in November 2011	FL Dept. of Ed <a href="#">waiver website</a>  <a href="#">Oct 18 presentation</a> to Florida State Board of Education	<a href="#">Sept 23</a> : Florida will seek NCLB Waiver	Sept 23: State spokesman said the state will seek a waiver. Florida has its own A-to-F school grading system already in place.	<a href="#">11% of schools made AYP</a>
<b>Georgia</b>  Status: Applied	<a href="#">Sept 21 press release</a> : Georgia seeks Alternative to NCLB Materials: <a href="#">Waiver request letter</a> to Secretary Duncan  <a href="#">Waiver Appendix A</a> (College and Career	<a href="#">Aug 14</a> : Georgia to request NCLB Waiver  <a href="#">Aug 21</a> : Senator Isakson lends support to AYP waiver  <a href="#">Sept 20</a> : Georgia to ask for No Child Left Behind Waiver	-August 14 - State schools Superintendent John Barge said that he wants to add a long list of measures to the formula Georgia uses to determine whether a school passes muster, including SAT and ACT scores, AP and International Baccalaureate tests, and performance in career tech classes.	<a href="#">-63.2% of schools made AYP</a> Compared to 71% in 2010



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	<p>Ready Performance Index)</p> <p><a href="#">Waiver Appendix B</a> (Supplemental Education Services/School Choice/Interventions and Supports)</p> <p><a href="#">Waiver Appendix C</a> (CCPRI Category Distinctions: High School Example)</p>	<p><a href="#">Sept 27</a>: Ga. Among states seeking NCLB wavier</p>	<p>Sept 20: Superintendent John Barge is in DC to personally give the request to Secretary Duncan on Sept 21. The request would do away AYP, and instead use a “college and career ready performance index” including things such as attendance rates, reading levels in elementary and middle schools and ACT and SAT scores for high schools. He is also asking for the removal of the school choice option.</p> <p>Sept 27: Georgia’s waiver request has been delivered to the U.S. Department of Education</p>	
<p><b>Hawaii</b></p> <p>Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in February 2012</p>	<p><a href="#">ESEA Flexibility website</a></p> <p>Hawaii’s <a href="#">proposed timeline</a>; they expect a draft to be ready for public comment in January 2012</p>	<p><a href="#">Oct 17</a>: 41 States – including Hawaii – Submit Requests to the U.S. DOE for a NCLB Waiver, but Critics Say That Will Hurt Schools In the Future</p>	<p>In the upcoming months, Hawaii’s superintendent says the State Department of Education will be “engaging and soliciting input from diverse stakeholders and communities in the development of its request.”</p>	<p><a href="#">-41% of schools met AYP</a></p>
<p><b>Idaho</b></p> <p>Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in February 2012</p>	<p>Sup. Tom Luna attended the President’s White House waiver announcement.</p> <p><a href="#">Sept 23</a>: Superintendent Luna applauds increased</p>	<p><a href="#">Aug 9</a>: Idaho Educators Weigh In On NCLB Waivers</p> <p><a href="#">Sept 23</a>: Idaho to seek wavier for NCLB Law</p> <p><a href="#">Oct 24</a>: Idaho Close to NCLB</p>	<p>Sept 23: Sup. Luna said “We’ll absolutely be one of the first states to apply.”</p> <p>Oct 24: Sup. Luna says the state is close to receiving a waiver.</p>	<p><a href="#">-62% of schools made AYP</a>, the same percentage that made AYP in 2010</p>



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	flexibility, accountability	Waiver		
<b>Illinois</b>  Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in February 2012	<a href="#">Sept 26</a> : Weekly message from Sup. Koch. "It is very likely that we will seek a waiver to NCLB."	<a href="#">Aug 9</a> : Illinois could opt out of NCLB requirements  <a href="#">Sept 28</a> : Chico: Illinois should seek No Child waiver  Oct 31: Illinois applies for waiver	Sept 28: "We are going to, eventually, work with the governor to seek a waiver. And, we're going to put in place, a very strong system of accountability, but it will also have the ability to recognize schools that aren't making improvements," Chico said.	47% made AYP <a href="#">LAST YEAR</a> . Data for this year is not available yet.
<b>Indiana</b>  Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in November 2011		<a href="#">Aug 26</a> : State proposes new grading scale for schools  <a href="#">Aug 13</a> : Indiana eyes waivers from NCLB law  <a href="#">Aug 12</a> : Bennett: NCLB Waivers Can't Lower School Accountability Standards  <a href="#">Sept 23</a> : Indiana will seek waiver to NCLB rules	--In future years, the state will revamp metrics used to decide which letter grade schools receive. The new system will be what Bennett calls a "growth model," taking into account students' year-to-year progress on test scores and not merely pass/fail data. The change, said Bennett, will be central to Indiana's request for a waiver from the federal government's No Child Left Behind law, which has an entirely different grading standard for schools.  -Indiana's waiver request will ask the government to accept the state's growth-based accountability law as the standard for meeting federal requirements. Bennett said Indiana also plans to seek more flexibility in how it spends federal education money.	<a href="#">-51% of schools made AYP</a>



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			<p>Sept 23: “We’ll be in the first wave of states that apply,” said Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Bennett.</p> <p>-Indiana officials do not believe in a blanket waiver for all states. States should demonstrate a clear commitment to improving their education evaluation process. Waivers would allow states like Indiana to use their own accountability system for schools, which would include the growth model used by the Indiana Department of Education, he said. Indiana officials are also interested in applying for a waiver of several teacher accountability portions of the No Child Left Behind Act, Damron said.</p>	
<p><b>Iowa</b></p> <p>Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in February 2012</p>	<p>Oct 3: Governor Branstad released a blueprint for transforming Iowa’s education system, which they believe will better position Iowa to meet the conditions for the waiver, Fandel said. The blueprint will also include a new statewide accountability system that would most likely</p>	<p><a href="#">Aug 9</a>: States wary of NCLB Waiver</p> <p><a href="#">Sept 23</a>: Iowa wants waiver from federal school law; not sure if they will request now or next year</p>	<p>Sept 23: State leaders confirmed Friday that they will seek a waiver. “We will work with education leaders around Iowa to decide what makes the most sense — to do a quick waiver request or wait until 2012-13,” said Linda Fandel, Gov. Terry Branstad’s special assistant for education. “Getting it in place for this year would be a scramble, but I wouldn’t entirely rule it out. Waiting until 2012-13 is a more likely time frame.”</p>	<p><a href="#">63% of schools made AYP</a> compared to 65% in 2010</p>



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	<p>align with that required by the U.S. Department of Education.</p> <p><a href="#">Press release</a>  <a href="#">Full blueprint</a>: One Unshakeable Vision</p> <p><a href="#">Oct 12</a>: Iowa education leaders to apply for NCLB waiver</p>			
<p><b>Kansas</b></p> <p>Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in February 2012</p>	<p><a href="#">August Board of Education meeting minutes</a></p> <p>Commissioner Diane DeBacker said she expects that Kansas will be in a good position to seek a waiver at that time. Last February, State Board members sought a waiver from the U.S. Department of Education that would allow the state to maintain its 2009-2010 AYP targets while it worked to implement the new Common Core State Standards and transition to new assessments aligned with those standards. That</p>	<p><a href="#">Aug 15</a>: Kansas Board of Ed. Considers Shedding No Child Left Behind</p> <p>Sept 26: Official says Kansas might seek waiver to education law</p> <p><a href="#">Oct 11</a>: State seeks NCLB waiver</p>	<p>"Now we need to show how we intend to measure progress with the whole student in mind," said Kansas State Board of Education Chairman Dave Dennis, of Wichita.</p> <p>Sept 26: Kathy Toelkes, a spokeswoman for the state education department, says previous discussion about the law by board members suggests they will consider a waiver request.</p> <p>Oct 11: The Kansas State Board of Education Tuesday afternoon voted to apply for a waiver, exempting the state from portions of the controversial 2001 No Child Left Behind law.</p>	<p><a href="#">-84% of schools made AYP</a></p>



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	<p>request was denied in May. Had the waiver been granted and the state's AYP targets had not risen, 52 more schools and 24 more districts would have made AYP.</p> <p>October Board of Education <a href="#">meeting highlights</a>: The majority of the work on the waiver request will be in identifying the type of accountability system the State will adopt in place of the current system that requires 100 percent proficiency in reading and mathematics by 2014.</p>			
<p><b>Kentucky</b></p> <p>Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in November 2011; draft is online for comment.</p>	<p>Oct 28 <a href="#">press release</a>: NCLB Waiver Application Posted for Comment</p> <p><a href="#">Waiver is here</a></p> <p><a href="#">Waiver appendices</a></p> <p><a href="#">Aug 8</a>: USED Responds to Kentucky's Call for NCLB Flexibility</p>	<p><a href="#">Aug 8</a>: Kentucky Education Overhaul</p> <p><a href="#">Oct 3</a>: KY will request NCLB Waiver</p>		<p><a href="#">43% of schools made AYP</a> compared to 55% in 2010.</p>



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	<p><a href="#">Aug 12</a>: Movement on NCLB Waiver requests</p> <p>The Kentucky Board of Education approved the final <a href="#">regulation</a> to implement a new accountability system at its August 2011 meeting.</p> <p><a href="#">Summary</a> of the new accountability system</p> <p><a href="#">Side by side comparison</a> of the NCLB and Kentucky accountability models</p>			
<p><b>Louisiana</b></p> <p>Status: Undecided; did not submit letter of intent</p>		<p><a href="#">Sept 23</a>: Louisiana unsure if it will seek NCLB waiver</p>	<p>Acting Superintendent Tyler: Tyler says her office will only recommend seeking a waiver from the federal rules and standards if she and her staff are convinced the move could help improve student achievement.</p>	<p>This year's AYP scores are still <a href="#">not posted</a>.</p>
<p><b>Maine</b></p> <p>Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in February 2012</p>	<p><a href="#">NCLB Flexibility website</a></p> <p>Oct 3 <a href="#">press release</a>: Results prove need for new accountability system. Bowen said he is hoping</p>	<p><a href="#">Aug 19</a>: Maine will request waiver to No Child Left Behind</p> <p><a href="#">Aug 24</a>: Maine education boss: No Child Left Behind had good goals, but is failing schools</p>	<p>Aug: The Maine Department of Education plans to submit a waiver request to the U.S. Department of Education once an alternate framework can be developed to measure schools' academic performance, state Education</p>	<p><a href="#">30% of schools made AYP</a>, compared to 44% in 2010.</p>



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	<p>to submit Maine’s application by mid-February, the second of three possible submission dates set by the U.S. Department of Education. That date will give Maine time to develop a proposal and still put it in place for the 2012-13 school year.</p>		<p>Commissioner Stephen Bowen said.</p> <p>Before applying for a waiver, Bowen said he's waiting for more information and guidance from U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and input from Maine educators.</p> <p>If the feds say yes to a waiver, Bowen said he may ask that tests be suspended in 2012-13, giving Maine time to develop new tests the following year. Some states already have alternative tests. “We're a couple of years out before we're ready to deploy,” Bowen said.</p> <p>Superintendents said they're delighted Bowen is considering a waiver.</p>	
<p><b>Maryland</b></p> <p>Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in February 2012</p>		<p><a href="#">Aug 10</a>: Schools want more leeway in meeting stricter federal education standards</p> <p><a href="#">Sept 22</a>: Obama prepares to revamp NCLB</p> <p><a href="#">Oct 3</a>: Maryland May Seek Waiver of NCLB Reforms</p>	<p>Maryland is tracking the waiver process but doesn't have any firm information yet, said state Department of Education spokesman William Reinhard</p> <p>Sept 22: officials in Maryland want to see the conditions first</p> <p>Oct 3: Maryland may apply for a waiver, and is “likely to sign on” after reviewing all the information, said a spokesman.</p>	<p><a href="#">55% of schools made AYP</a>, compared to 70% in 2010</p>
<p><b>Massachusetts</b></p>		<p><a href="#">Aug 22</a>: Mass. Education Officials</p>	<p>Oct 26: As part of the waiver, the state</p>	<p><a href="#">AYP data</a> has not been</p>



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<b>Michigan</b>  Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in November 2011		<a href="#">Aug 9</a> : No Child Left Behind waivers coming to states	Prior to the Department's announcement, Michigan had requested a waiver from testing requirements. Michigan's request asked for an exclusion from requirements that all students reach 100 percent proficiency on the tests by 2014. State education officials also are asking the government to extend the proficiency deadline to 10 years and lower the target to 80 percent.	<a href="#">79% of schools made AYP</a> Compared to 86% in 2010
<b>Minnesota</b>  Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in November 2011	August 16 <a href="#">waiver letter</a> to Secretary Duncan  Sept 27 <a href="#">Letter</a> from Superintendent to Parents on AYP scores and waiver plans  Sept 23 <a href="#">press release</a> : Commissioner Cassellius Applauds Obama's Education Reform Package	<a href="#">Aug 9</a> : Educators Cheer Gov. Dayton's NCLB Waiver Move  <a href="#">Aug 24</a> : Waiver sought for NCLB; What's next  <a href="#">Aug 17</a> : Minnesota seeks NCLB Waiver  <a href="#">Oct 3</a> : Minnesota Department of Ed releases AYP data  <a href="#">Nov 2</a> : Minn. House committee	State Education Commissioner Brenda Cassellius sent the request August 16 to the U.S. Department of Education, which announced Aug. 8 that waivers would be available under certain conditions. Cassellius wants to hold the law's testing benchmarks steady for three years instead of letting them increase as required. She says that will prevent more schools from being wrongly called failures. She also wants a waiver from the law's	<a href="#">45% of schools made AYP</a> compared to 46% in 2010.



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		<p>briefed on state’s request for a wavier</p>	<p>provisions that force struggling schools to spend money on certain reforms. Cassellius says 600 Minnesota schools now face the sanctions, and the money could be better spent.</p> <p>Nov 2: The Minnesota Department of Education remains committed to applying for a waiver later this month from the U.S. Department of Education to portions of the controversial federal No Child Left Behind law.</p> <p>Deputy Commissioner Jessie Montano says missing the Nov. 14 deadline and applying at the second deadline in mid-February won't leave enough time to prepare for the next school year.</p>	
<p><b>Mississippi</b></p> <p>Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in November 2011</p>	<p>ESEA Flexibility Waiver Overview <a href="#">Webinar</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Aug 9</a>: State weighing education waiver</p> <p><a href="#">Oct 10</a>: Some schools face penalties</p>	<p>Thomas Burhham, state superintendent of education, said Mississippi still is trying to determine whether to seek a waiver from provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act, the federal law that requires that all students meet rigorous testing standards.</p> <p>Oct 10: States have until Wednesday to let the U.S. Department of</p>	<p>75% of schools made AYP <a href="#">LAST YEAR</a>.</p>



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			<p>Education know if they intend to request a waiver.</p> <p>Mississippi education officials are considering doing just that. What still is being worked out is whether the benefit of being granted a waiver outweighs the potential burdens attached to it.</p>	
<p><b>Missouri</b></p> <p>Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in February 2012</p>	<p>Sept 23 <a href="#">press release</a>; Missouri will consider NCLB waiver</p> <p>Oct 20 <a href="#">press release</a>: Missouri signals preliminary intent to consider NCLB waiver</p>	<p><a href="#">Aug 9</a>: Education department wants a waiver from NCLB</p> <p><a href="#">Oct 27</a>: School officials want to see plan on seeking No Child waiver</p>	<p>Oct 27: According to a news release from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, state education commissioner Chris Nicastro told members of the State Board of Education last week she is "cautiously optimistic" that the state will be well-positioned to submit a viable plan by the February deadline.</p>	<p><a href="#">18.1% of schools met AYP</a> compared to 35% in 2010</p>
<p><b>Montana</b></p> <p>Status: Undecided; did not submit letter of intent</p>	<p><a href="#">Press release</a>: Superintendent Juneau keeps 155 Schools From NCLB Sanctions</p> <p><a href="#">Letter</a> from MT to Secretary Duncan</p> <p><a href="#">Compliance Letter</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Aug 16</a>: Montana reaches 'No Child' compromise</p> <p><a href="#">Sept 29</a>: Montana school leaders see little help in Obama's NCLB waivers</p>	<p>Superintendent Denise Juneau has been in discussions with the U.S. Department of Education that resulted in a compromise agreement to use Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs) of 84.4 percent in Reading and 70 percent in Math for the 2010-2011 school year. This resulted in an increase of 1.4% in Reading and a 2% increase in Mathematics.</p> <p>The scheduled AMO increases for this year were 92 percent in Reading and</p>	<p><a href="#">-74% of schools met AYP</a></p>



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			<p>84 percent in Math. Using these compromise targets, only two additional districts and sixteen additional schools are not making Adeqate Yearly Progress (AYP). If Montana had raised its AMOs to the scheduled increases, 155 additional schools and 84 additional districts would not have made AYP this year.</p> <p>Sept 29: Superintendent of Public Instruction Denise Juneau, the state’s top school official, has said she’s not sure whether Montana will even seek a new waiver.</p>	
<p><b>Nebraska</b></p> <p>Status: Undecided; did not submit a letter of intent</p>		<p><a href="#">Aug 9</a>: States wary of NCLB Waiver</p> <p><a href="#">Oct 3</a>: NCLB waiver option of uncertain benefit</p>	<p>-Nebraska officials said they're not convinced the state would qualify for the waiver because Nebraska has not adopted “common core” standards — developed for K-12 math and English — like some other states. Nebraska also has not fully implemented a state accountability system, which would hold districts accountable for student achievement on statewide tests. Both are high priorities of the Obama administration. Education Commissioner Roger Breed said that based on his initial review and a previous conversation with</p>	



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			<p>Duncan, “in all likelihood Nebraska would not qualify, and it would be a waste of everybody’s time to put in for that waiver and have it considered.”</p> <p>Oct 3: State Education Commissioner Roger Breed said it’s “pretty unlikely” Nebraska will apply for a waiver this year because the state wouldn’t meet the requirements by the application deadline times of November or February. But the state may move toward meeting those requirements in the future, depending on Board of Education action.</p>	
<p><b>Nevada</b></p> <p>Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in February 2012</p>		<p><a href="#">Aug 26</a>: School Board joins state in seeking NCLB waiver</p> <p><a href="#">Oct 10</a>: Nevada to apply for NCLB exit in February</p>	<p>-Nevada will take up the offer, said Keith Rheault, state superintendent of public schools.</p> <p>Oct 10: Nevada won't apply until the alternative February deadline, said Keith Rheault, Nevada superintendent of public schools.</p>	<p><a href="#">45% of schools met AYP</a> compared to 49% in 2010.</p>
<p><b>New Hampshire</b></p> <p>Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in February 2012</p>		<p><a href="#">Aug 30</a>: Official says school choice debate shows 'No Child Left Behind' weakness</p> <p><a href="#">Oct 11</a>: NH to miss date for NCLB Waiver</p>	<p>Deputy DOE Commissioner Paul Leather said the state is interested in looking at receiving a federal waiver from NCLB regulations, but the process is still unfolding and there are many unknowns about requirements.</p> <p>Oct 11: Leather said the state instead will eye a deadline for the second</p>	<p><a href="#">28% of schools made AYP</a> which is the same percentage that made AYP in 2010.</p>



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			<p>round of applications in February of next year as a possible target. The state also plans to submit a letter to the federal Education Department by Wednesday expressing interest in applying, though not committing fully, he said.</p>	
<p><b>New Jersey</b></p> <p>Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in November 2011</p>	<p><a href="#">Acting Commissioner Christopher D. Cerf's statement</a> on Secretary Arne Duncan's announcement of NCLB waivers</p> <p>UJDOE <a href="#">seeks feedback/input</a> on NCLB waivers</p>	<p><a href="#">Aug 8</a>: Acting education chief: NJ may seek waiver from NCLB law</p> <p><a href="#">Sept 22</a>: Obama prepares to revamp NCLB</p> <p><a href="#">Oct 5</a>: Legislative update</p> <p><a href="#">Nov 1</a>: Lights to Stay on at Statewide Afterschool Fund</p>	<p>Acting Commissioner Christopher Cerf said in a release that “We applaud Secretary Duncan for his challenge to develop next generation accountability systems at the state level,” but he needed to see the details of the waiver application before deciding whether to seek one.</p> <p>Sept 22: “It’s a very clever way to manage a political crisis that is not of his or the president’s making,” said Chris Cerf, acting schools commissioner under New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie (R). His state intends to apply for a waiver.</p> <p>Nov 1: the resumption of the program largely rests on New Jersey’s pending application for a waiver from the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Included in that waiver would be some flexibility with federal funding now earmarked for outside tutoring. The</p>	<p><a href="#">50% of schools made AYP</a></p>



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			application is in the works now, due to the federal government on November 14.	
<b>New Mexico</b>  Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in November 2011	New Mexico's <a href="#">NCLB Waiver Website</a>  Sept 23 <a href="#">press release</a> : New Mexico recognized at the White House as a national leader in education reform -New Mexico plans to file a waiver in the next few months  <a href="#">Sept 28 letter</a> to Superintendents and Principals Goals for a waiver: -replace current AYP reporting system with NM's A-F school grading system -revamp the teacher evaluation system -more flexibility for federal funds	<a href="#">Aug 27</a> : Public Education Department leader gives updates about schools in New Mexico  <a href="#">Sept 26</a> : NM has sizable chance to win waivers from NCLB	One of Skandera's goals is to modify the No Child Left Behind's Adequate Yearly Progress system to reflect letter grades for the schools. She said she favors the A, B, C, D and F method rather than the current pass or fail system.	<a href="#">13% of schools made AYP</a> Compared to 23% in 2010
<b>New York</b>  Status: Submitted	Sept 23 <a href="#">press release</a> : State Ed Commissioner King Joins Obama in	<a href="#">Aug 10</a> : New York State is Taking a Wait and See Approach to NCLB Waiver	That's not the case in New York, where state officials say they will wait for further indication from the federal	



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letter of intent to apply in February 2012	Announcing Waiver to NCLB Law	<p><a href="#">Sept 26</a>: Waiver Waver</p> <p><a href="#">Oct 26</a>: Diverse set of representatives to state’s NCLB waiver “think tank”</p>	<p>government about what strings would be attached to those waivers.</p> <p>Sept 26: Board of Regents Chancellor Merryl Tisch declined to comment on the collaboration between the research fellows and the federal government, but did say that New York would apply for a waiver from one part of the NCLB law. “The only waivers we are going to apply for are to align our new value-added and growth models to the accountability system,” Tisch said, “so we don’t end up identifying 90 percent of the schools in the state [as failing].”</p>	
<p><b>North Carolina</b></p> <p>Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in November 2011</p>	<p>Sept 26 <a href="#">press release</a>: State Superintendent Joins President for NCLB Waiver Announcement -Atkinson said that North Carolina has already submitted a letter to the U.S. Department of Education stating that it would be requesting a waiver to allow the state greater flexibility for meeting the goal of improving schools within</p>	<p><a href="#">Aug 19</a>: Gov. Perdue says NC preparing to ask feds for waiver of requirements on No Child Left Behind law</p> <p><a href="#">Aug 4</a>: Students could be required to take ACT tests next year</p> <p><a href="#">Sept 24</a>: NC to seek waiver on federal education testing law</p>	<p>Aug 4: “North Carolina would propose to replace the federal law with the state ABC accountability program, and use the ACT results, five-year-graduation rates and other measures as indicators of student readiness for college and jobs.”</p> <p>Sept 24: NC official sent a letter to Secretary Duncan in August requesting a waiver.</p>	<p><a href="#">28% of schools made AYP</a> compared to 58% in 2010</p>



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	an accountability system that is both rigorous and fair. The NCDPI intends to submit its waiver request to meet the first submission date of Nov. 14.			
<b>North Dakota</b>  Status: Undecided; did not submit letter of intent	ESEA Flexibility Waivers <a href="#">website</a> (currently links to Federal guidance, no ND specific information)	<a href="#">Aug 10</a> : N.D. Unsure If It Will Seek NCLB Waiver		<a href="#">47% of schools made AYP</a> compared to 73% in 2010
<b>Ohio</b>  Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in February 2012		<a href="#">Sept 23</a> : Ohio might seek No Child Left Behind waiver	Sept 23: "Our schools need a new set of accountability tools to measure their progress. We are actively studying what waiver options may be available and how they could enhance Ohio's efforts for transitioning to more-rigorous standards for learning," said a written statement from State Superintendent Stan Heffner.	<a href="#">60% of schools made AYP</a>
<b>Oklahoma</b>  Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in November 2011		<a href="#">Aug 10</a> : Barresi: State would seek No Child Left Behind waiver  <a href="#">Sept 28</a> : State Sup talks education funding  <a href="#">Sept 29</a> : State to seek waiver	State Superintendent Janet Barresi on Tuesday welcomed the chance to go after a waiver to the decade-old No Child Left Behind law and laid out principles she expects the state will use in seeking a waiver later this year.  Sept 29: Barresi told the Board of Education that Oklahoma will apply in	



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			November.	
<b>Oregon</b>  Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in February 2012		<p><a href="#">Aug 10</a>: Schools score below federal standards</p> <p><a href="#">Sept 9</a>: Kitzhaber promises to seek waiver form No Child Left Behind</p> <p><a href="#">Sept 23</a>: Oregon will seek waiver under new NCLB option</p>	<p>Sept 9: Kitzhaber spokeswoman Sarah Carlin Ames clarified that Kitzhaber spoke by phone with Duncan, and a conference call will be scheduled for the fall between Kitzhaber’s staff and the Department of Education.</p> <p>Sept 23: Superintendent Castillo said, “the state is already preparing a waiver request.”</p>	<p><a href="#">54% of Oregon districts made AYP for 2010-11, compared to 71% last year</a></p>
<b>Pennsylvania</b>  Status: Undecided; did not submit letter of intent		<p><a href="#">Aug 8</a>: President offers state waivers on education benchmarks</p> <p><a href="#">Sept 21</a>: Pennsylvania ed secretary reluctant to seek No Child Left Behind waiver                      “Tomalis said he won’t make an official decision until President Barack Obama announces Friday what the criteria will be. But the waivers would take effect in January, and Tomalis said he is hesitant to seek one because Duncan’s successor, if there is one, might not keep the waivers in place beyond 2012.                      “I personally have a bit of reservations about it in that this is this secretary’s agenda,”</p>	<p>Tim Eller, spokesman for the Pennsylvania Department of Education, said some of the concepts outlined Monday are similar to Pennsylvania’s reform agenda, but the state will withhold judgment on whether to apply for waivers until after details are released in September.</p> <p>Duncan said Pennsylvania is in a good position for waivers if it seeks them. He said it was one of 46 states to sign on to the Common Core State Standards Initiative, which incorporates the best ideas and programs from across the country into one set of standards.</p>	<p><a href="#">75% of schools made AYP</a></p>



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		Tomalis said, referring to the possibility of an administration change after the 2012 presidential election.”		
<b>Rhode Island</b>  Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in February 2012		<a href="#">Aug 12</a> : State May Seek Waiver From NCLB Act <a href="#">Oct 27</a> : RI seeks federal education waiver	Until the exact requirements are rolled out, Education Commissioner Deborah Gist could not comment on the state’s plan as it relates to the waiver process.	<a href="#">82% of schools made AYP</a>
<b>South Carolina</b>  Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in February 2012		<a href="#">Aug 8</a> : State education secretary says federal rules unfair  <a href="#">Oct 10</a> : South Carolina delays seeking waiver from NCLB until 2012  <a href="#">Nov 2</a> : State Superintendent Zais wants SC out of NCLB	South Carolina Superintendent of Schools Mick Zais says "I intend to submit waivers that set high expectations for South Carolina students while more accurately assessing the performance of schools. Additionally, we must more closely link classroom teachers to student performance because every student should be taught by a highly effective teacher. To accomplish this goal will require relief from burdensome federal regulations," he said.  Oct 10: State Education Superintendent Mick Zais said last month he planned to request the waiver as early as November. In the letter to U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan, Zais said the waiver will take	<a href="#">Only 27 percent of the state’s elementary and middle schools met all of their federal goals in 2011</a> , down from 61 percent last year.



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			<p>more time. "The requirements of the waiver process established by your office will require a significant amount of time and effort" to detail the state's plans.</p> <p>Nov 2: If the state is granted a waiver, Zais said, "in turn, we will institute some accountability measures that we think make sense for our state, our administrators and teachers and our students."</p> <p>Zais also said he is working to empower local officials to make decisions that fit their schools.</p>	
<p><b>South Dakota</b></p> <p>Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in February 2012</p>		<p><u>Aug 18</u>: S.D. Working on System for School Assessment -Education Secretary Melody Schopp said a working group of educators will meet soon to craft a new accountability system that will be designed not only to qualify for a waiver from the federal law for this school year, but that also can serve as a long-term method of holding schools accountable after Congress makes changes in the federal law.</p> <p>Oct 11: State DOE to replace</p>	<p>Earlier this summer, Schopp announced that South Dakota would hold its annual targets for proficiency in reading and math at the 2009-10 levels. "In the absence of reauthorization of the federal law overseeing elementary and secondary education, I felt strongly that we needed to take this stand. If we had increased our targets, as laid out in our original plan when NCLB first came into play, we would have inappropriately labeled additional schools as failing," she said. "That's not fair to the schools, and it's</p>	<p><a href="#">80 percent of schools made adequate yearly progress for 2010-11</a></p>



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		<p>NCLB with new plan -“Our goal is to submit by February”</p>	<p>certainly not fair to their students.”</p> <p>Schopp estimates that the number of schools that would have missed making adequate yearly progress, or AYP, in math this year if the targets were not held steady would have nearly doubled. In reading, she estimates the number would have almost tripled. Down the road, this would have triggered a series of required assistance and interventions by the state Department of Education, which Schopp says her department does not have the resources to provide.</p>	
<p><b>Tennessee</b></p> <p>Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in November 2011</p>		<p><a href="#">Aug 8</a>: U.S. education secretary: Tennessee deserving of No Child Left Behind waiver</p> <p><a href="#">Sept 24</a>: Gov. Haslam introduces Obama at NCLB event</p> <p><a href="#">Nov 1</a>: NCLB waiver raises questions for Montgomery County school leaders</p>	<p>Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.), a former education secretary, filed a bill to restrict Duncan’s ability to issue waivers.</p> <p>Sept 24: Haslam said he has already had several conversations with U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan about Tennessee's waiver and is optimistic about approval because "all the key things the president talked about are the things that we're doing in Tennessee."</p> <p>Nov 1: Harris and CMCSS Curriculum Director Sallie Armstrong got an early</p>	



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			<p>look at what Tennessee's waiver application might look like during a webinar with Tennessee Education Commissioner Kevin Huffman last week. However, Harris said many of the specifics weren't revealed, and board members shared his frustration over the ambiguity on how long the program would last and what the end goals of new standards might be. If the waiver is granted, Adequate Yearly Progress would be replaced by Annual Measurable Objectives at state, district and school levels. Schools would be divided into three categories based on proficiency, and schools could be expected to <b>improve</b> by 4 to 5 percent and reduce achievement gaps by 10 percent each year, which Harris called a "very, very ambitious goal."</p>	
<p><b>Texas</b></p> <p>Status: Undecided; did not submit letter of intent</p>		<p><a href="#">Sept 30</a>: Texas education commissioner wary of Obama school relief plan</p>	<p>Sept 30: In an address to school board members and administrators from across the state, Scott said he has told U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan in recent conversations that he "couldn't just ask for a waiver to get out of some things and in effect turn over the education system of Texas to the federal government." Despite his comments on the federal</p>	<p><a href="#">66% of schools made AYP</a> compared to 78% in 2010</p>



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			waiver, Scott said that he still had not made a decision on whether to apply for one. An agency spokeswoman later said she expected a decision in coming weeks.	
<b>Utah</b>  Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in February 2012		<a href="#">Sept 23</a> : Obama lets states opt of out federal school rules  <a href="#">Oct 17</a> : Utah to apply for relief from parts of NCLB	Sept 23: This summer, Utah was given permission not to raise testing goals for this year only. State superintendent Larry Shumway has not yet announced whether he will seek a waiver for future years, state Office of Education spokesman Mark Peterson said Friday.	<a href="#">78% of schools made AYP</a> compared to 79%
<b>Vermont</b>  Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in November 2011	Vermont's <a href="#">ESEA Flexibility website</a>  <a href="#">Oct 31</a> : The Vermont House Education Committee had a briefing on the state's waiver request last week. No details are available.  Oct 7: <a href="#">Vermont's letter of intent</a>	<a href="#">Aug 9</a> : Shumlin asks for NCLB waiver  <a href="#">Oct 4</a> : Vermont moves forward with NCLB waiver  <a href="#">Oct 25</a> : Commissioner Vilaseca opinion piece on ESEA waiver	Aug 9: Shumlin spoke with Duncan on Monday. He told members of the state Board of Education on Tuesday that their conversation was encouraging. The governor asked the board to work with his administration to draft a formal request to Duncan in the next 20 days.  Oct 4: The State Board of Education voted Monday to allow Education Commissioner Armando Vilaseca to develop a reason why Vermont shouldn't conform to stipulations in No Child Left Behind.	<a href="#">18% of schools made AYP</a>
<b>Virginia</b>		<a href="#">Aug 11</a> : 62% of schools labeled	Aug 11: Wright said she will	<a href="#">-38% of schools made AYP</a>



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<p>Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in February 2012</p>		<p>'failing' under NCLB</p> <p><a href="#">Sept 26</a>: McDonnell to seek waiver from federal education law</p>	<p>recommend that the Virginia Board of Education apply for a legal waiver, which is intended to give the state time to set up a new accountability system that would be based on how much students learn throughout the year, not just whether they pass or fail a test on one day.</p>	
<p><b>Washington</b></p> <p>Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in February 2012</p>		<p><a href="#">Aug 15</a>: Washington State Says Applying for Waiver Might 'Validate' NCLB</p>	<p>Aug 15: The state hasn't taken an official position on waivers just yet, said Nathan Olson, a spokesman for the Washington Department of Public Instruction. The Evergreen State is still waiting (along with everyone else) for the details, which are slated to be released next month.</p> <p>But, "at this point, we probably won't apply for a waiver," Olson said in an email. "We want to affect positive change, not negative change. By applying for a waiver, we would be sending a message validating NCLB. Students in Washington state are achieving at higher and higher rates. NCLB's all-or-nothing approach undercuts that movement. In short, the law is flawed."</p>	<p><a href="#">62% of schools made AYP</a> compared to 63% in 2010</p>
<p><b>West Virginia</b></p> <p>Status: Undecided;</p>		<p><a href="#">Aug 17</a>: State to seek waiver from NCLB</p>	<p>Oct 10: State Schools Superintendent Jorea Marple says that's an option for West Virginia down the road, but at</p>	<p><a href="#">48% of schools made AYP</a></p>



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did not submit letter of intent		<p><a href="#">Oct 10</a>: State to wait on waiver for NCLB</p> <p><a href="#">Oct 18</a>: W.Va. Undecided on Whether to Seek NCLB Waiver</p>	<p>this point, school officials are taking their time. Marple said West Virginia's decision on waivers depends on how the Department of Education decides to grant them to other states.</p> <p>Oct 18: West Virginia education officials want to see what changes other states are planning before they decide whether to seek a waiver from the federal No Child Left Behind law.</p>	
<p><b>Wisconsin</b></p> <p>Status: Submitted letter of intent to apply in November 2011</p>	<p>Sept 23 <a href="#">press release</a>: Evers welcomes accountability proposals from President Obama</p>	<p><a href="#">Aug 31</a>: Education Task Force Will Identify Wisconsin's Best Schools "State Superintendent Tony Evers said the new accountability system could help Wisconsin get a waiver from the federal No Child Left Behind Act."</p> <p><a href="#">Sept 23</a>: Wisconsin may gain waiver form federal education mandates</p>	<p>Sept 23: Gov. Scott Walker and Tony Evers, state superintendent of public instruction, are working on a new system for assessing the quality of all traditional public, public charter and private voucher schools. Evers is leading a team that's developing a statewide educator and principal evaluation system that will consider the use of student progress data. Evers said Friday he welcomed the federal administration's offer of waivers from "broken federal accountability requirements."</p>	<p><a href="#">89% of schools made AYP</a></p>
<p><b>Wyoming</b></p> <p>Status: Undecided; did not submit letter of intent</p>		<p><a href="#">Aug 9</a>: Changes coming to NCLB law</p> <p><a href="#">Oct 2</a>: Wyoming considers No Child waiver</p>	<p>Though Wyoming Department of Education officials have followed the program, they said no decisions have been made for or against the waiver process.</p>	<p><a href="#">71% of schools made AYP</a></p>



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		<p><a href="#">Oct 15</a>: Wyoming opts out of NCLB waivers (no comment from state officials)</p>	<p>"I know there are strings attached to waivers, and I want to be fully informed before I have an opinion," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Cindy Hill. "I want to do anything that will be helpful to students, but I (don't) know the details or what strings are attached."</p> <p>Oct 2: There has been no decision made on the subject, said Cindy Hill, who is the state's superintendent of public instruction.</p>	

