

Nevada gets 1-year reprieve on NCLB

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CARSON CITY – Nevada has received a one-year extension from the U.S. Department of Education for flexibility from some provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act, a state education official said Thursday.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Dale Erquiaga said the extension of its flexibility waiver will run through the 2014-15 school year.

Nevada's waiver has been effective in providing support for the critical elements of reform in the state's annual plan to improve student achievement, he said.

Nevada, along with 41 other states and the District of Columbia, are currently operating under requests for flexibility from certain provisions of what the state Education Department called the "outmoded" No Child Left Behind Act.

Without the extension, Nevada would be required under federal law to meet the requirements of the act and "adequate yearly progress" would again be the measure of school performance.

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