

## Section 9

### Policy for Requesting Exemption From Standards

These standards and guidelines are to be used as the basis for planning decisions and for monitoring the use of the Reading Recovery or Descubriendo la Lectura trademark by any site, school, program, or individual. No set of standards will ever address the range of issues that will arise. Therefore, it is possible to apply for a 1-year exemption from certain standards when unusual conditions prevail. An exemption may or may not be granted, but in any case the university training center will work with the local administration to achieve the best implementation possible under contextual constraints. The procedure for requesting exemptions is as follows:

- 9.1. Any issue of compliance with standards and guidelines should first be discussed with the teacher leader at the site.
- 9.2. If a decision is made to request an exemption from a standard, a written request should be addressed to the Reading Recovery or Descubriendo la Lectura university training center with which the site is affiliated, accompanied by a letter from the teacher leader.
- 9.3. If the issue cannot be resolved through negotiation between the training center and key persons at the site, the exemption request will be referred by the university training center or site coordinator to the RRCNA executive director, accompanied by a letter from the teacher leader and the university trainer. The RRCNA executive director will forward the request to the NATG president for Executive Committee review.
- 9.4. The NATG president will communicate with site coordinator, administrator, teacher leader, and trainer involved. Final granting or denial of a 1-year exemption will be made by the NATG Executive Committee. Final resolution of the request will be communicated to all parties.

Requests for exemptions that have proceeded through Steps 9.1 and 9.2 above, as well as any questions about the process of requesting exemptions, may be referred to the executive director of RRCNA at the address below:

Executive Director  
Reading Recovery Council of North America  
400 West Wilson Bridge Road  
Suite 250  
Worthington, Ohio 43085  
[www.readingrecovery.org](http://www.readingrecovery.org)

## **Revision of Standards and Guidelines**

Authority for revision of these standards and guidelines rests with NATG. The board of directors of RRCNA votes to support the changes approved by NATG. Revisions to these standards and guidelines are made with careful consideration for the implications at all levels of the implementation, including the international network.