

TEA EXPEDITED WAIVERS

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Expedited Waivers are waivers that do not require the submission of additional, detailed information describing the waiver being requested.

Modified Schedule/State Assessment Days

This waiver allows the district or charter school to modify the schedule of classes for students who are not being tested to report to school after the state assessment testing period has ended; therefore, reducing the interruptions during testing period. This waiver request may be approved for up to three years.

Staff Development - General

This expedited waiver allows the district and charter schools to train staff on various educational strategies designed to improve student performance in lieu of a maximum of **three** days of student instruction.

- Districts and charter schools may request up to a maximum of three days for general staff development in lieu of student instruction.
- Waiver request may be approved for up to three years.
- The Commissioner of Education reserves the right to modify or revoke approvals for the second or third year of the waiver, if such a change is required, districts will be notified in writing.
- Districts and charter schools must apply for the waiver days using the online waiver application.
- This waiver request may be approved for up to three years

Staff Development - Subject Areas

This expedited waiver allows the district and charter schools to request up to two days to conduct additional staff training for reading/language arts, mathematics, science and/or social studies training one day per subject in lieu of student instruction for two days.

- The extra day or days must be related to staff development on the Texas Assessment Knowledge and Skills state assessment for reading/language arts, mathematics, science and/or social studies, respectively prior on the early reading diagnostic instruments for kindergarten through grade two.
- Information on staff development modules related to the State Assessment and the early reading diagnostic instruments is available from the regional education service centers.
- Texas Center for Reading & Language Arts Initiative products can be accessed by clicking on www.texasreading.org on the icons for professional development information.

- This waiver request may be approved for up to three years.

Staff Development - Conferences

This expedited waiver allows the district and charter schools to attend or participate in one day conference to improve student performance relating to their assignment. Texas Education Code §25.081.

- The district and charter schools may allow individual campuses to utilize the single conference waiver day at different times during the year to respond to local staff development priorities.
- Staff members may be approved locally to attend conference in lieu of student instruction and may utilize one or more of the seven teacher-contracted staff development days for this purpose, subject to local policies.
- This waiver request may be approved for up to three years.