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July 17th, 2026

Dr. Eric Wright
Hays CISD
21003 Interstate 35 Frontage Rd
Kyle, TX 78640

Dear Dr. Wright,

On behalf of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for Hays County Staff, we hereby respectfully request approval of the attached Adjunct Faculty Agreement with the Hays Consolidated Independent School District.

The State Board of Education passed an amendment to 19 TACS129.21 (j). Requirements for Student Attendance Accounting for State Funding Purposes allows public school students to be considered "in attendance" when participating in off-campus activities with an adjunct staff member of the school district. Section 3 of the Student Attendance Handbook states:

(1) The student is participating in an activity that is approved by the local board of school trustees and is under the direction of a member of the professional or paraprofessional staff of the school district, or an adjunct staff member who:

(A) has a minimum of a bachelor's degree; and

(B) is eligible for participation in the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

Hays County requests that the agents listed on the enclosed Adjunct Faculty Agreement be considered awarded adjunct staff member status for the period of time indicated on the agreement.

We hope Hays Consolidated Independent School District will accept this request. Please let us know if you would like to schedule an appointment to discuss the amendment and request, or if you need further information.

Thank you and the members of the Board of Trustees for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Blankenship".

Kate Blankenship
County Extension Agent:
Family and Community Health
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office
Hays County

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Savannah Bushkuhl".

Savannah Bushkuhl
County Extension Agent:
Agriculture and Natural Resources
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office
Hays County

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Iliana Carrizales".

Iliana Carrizales
4-H | Youth Program Coordinator
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office
Hays County

Attachment: Adjunct Faculty Request for 4-H Organization

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension is an equal opportunity employer and program provider. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension provides equal opportunities in its programs and employment to all persons, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

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**ADJUNCT FACULTY REQUEST
Adjunct Faculty Agreement**



THE STATE OF TEXAS | COUNTY OF HAYS

On this date, at a regularly scheduled and posted meeting, came the Board of Trustees of the Hays Consolidated Independent School District, hereinafter referred to as "District." A quorum having been established, the Board proceeded to consider the appointment of the herein-named individuals as Adjunct Faculty Members of the Hays Consolidated Independent School District.

Upon consideration and vote of _____ in favor, Kate Blankenship, Savannah Bushkuhl, and Iliana Carrizales are hereby named as Adjunct Faculty Members of the Hays Consolidated Independent School District subject to the following considerations and provisions of such appointment to wit:

1. This appointment shall commence on the 13th day of August 2026 and remain in effect until the 27th day of May 2027
2. This appointment will include the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service employees listed below:

NAME	TITLE	DEGREE	INSTITUTION	YEAR
Kate Blankenship	CEA-Family and Community Health	MS: Health Studies	Texas Woman's University	2026
Savannah Bushkuhl	CEA-Agriculture and Natural Resources	Mag: Agricultural Development	Texas A&M University	2024
Iliana Carrizales	4-H Youth Program Coordinator	BS: Agriculture	Texas State University	2026

3. Adjunct Faculty Members will receive no compensation, salary, or remuneration from Hays Consolidated Independent School District
4. Adjunct Faculty Members are and shall remain employees, in good standing, of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.
5. Adjunct Faculty Members are and shall remain under the direct supervision of either the District Extension Administrator of District 10, Michael Haynes, or the County Extension Director.
6. Adjunct Faculty Members shall receive all group insurance benefits, workman's compensation insurance benefits, unemployment insurance, and any and all other plans for the benefit of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service employees. The School District shall have no responsibility for any of such benefits or plans.

Adjunct Faculty Members shall direct the activities and participation of students of the School District in sponsored and approved activities as designated from time to time by Adjunct Faculty Members for which notice shall be given to the School District Administrative Personnel. Adjunct Faculty Members' activities and participation with students of the School District are directed, supervised, and controlled by and through supervisory personnel of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service pursuant to the supervisory authority of the District Extension Administrator or County Extension Director. Adjunct Faculty Members are not employees of the School District, and the School District does not nor shall not supervise, direct, or control the activities and/or participation of such, Kate Blankenship, Savannah Bushkuhl, and Iliana Carrizales, County Extension Agents who have/has been herein designated as Adjunct Faculty Members.

This appointment is made by the Hays Consolidated Independent School District by and through the Board of Trustees of said district for the benefit of allowing voluntary student participation in programs conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in recognition of the educational benefits arising from such participation and activities and/or directed by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. This appointment is made in accordance with the provisions of Section 129.21 (k)(1) of the Texas Administrative Code authorizing the school to deem such participating students in attendance for foundation school program purposes.

This appointment of the herein-named Kate Blankenship, Savannah Bushkuhl, and Iliana Carrizales, County Extension Agents, is not intended nor shall be construed as a waiver of any claim or defense of sovereign or governmental immunity from liability now possessed by Hays Consolidated Independent School District or any of its employees, agents, officers, and/or board members in the performance of governmental functions.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2026.

_____ Independent School District

By: _____

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Superintendent
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21003 Interstate 35 Frontage Road
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Dear Dr. Wright:

On behalf of the 4-H members of Hays County, we hereby respectfully request that the 4-H organization, by the attached resolution, be sanctioned as an extracurricular activity. The enclosed RESOLUTION should be presented for consideration at the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Hays CISD. We further request that questions regarding this RESOLUTION be directed to us in a timely manner so that we may prepare and present an appropriate response so as not to delay action on this request.

Finally, we request that a signed copy of this RESOLUTION to be forwarded to us for our files.

Thank you, and members of the Board of Trustees, for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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4-H | Youth Program Coordinator
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Enclosure: RESOLUTION
(Regarding EXTRACURRICULAR STATUS OF 4-H ORGANIZATION)

EXTRACURRICULAR STATUS REQUEST

Resolution Requesting Extracurricular Status For 4-H

RESOLUTION

EXTRACURRICULAR STATUS OF 4-H ORGANIZATION

Be it hereby resolved that upon this date, the duly elected Board of Trustees of the

Hays Consolidated Independent School District
(Complete name of school district)

meeting in public with a quorum present and certified,
did adopt this resolution that recognizes the

HAYS
(Name of County)

County Texas 4-H Organization as approved for recognition and eligible
for extracurricular status consideration under 19 Texas Administrative Code,
Chapter 76.1, pertaining to extracurricular activities.

Participation by 4-H members under provisions of this resolution are subject
to all rules and regulations set forth under the 19 Texas Administrative Code
as interpreted by this Board and designated officials of this school district
whose rules shall be final.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Board of Trustee

Superintendent