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State Waiver Types - Attendance

This page includes information on state waivers for student attendance. District and campus officials can request waivers for excused absences or reduced attendance rates that are the result of inclement weather, health, safety-related, or other issues. The link below provides information regarding the automated waiver system process.

Missed School Days

Districts or campuses can request a waiver for excused absences if instructional days are missed due to inclement weather, health, safety-related, or other issues. The first two days missed for any reason **must be made up**. See *Student Attendance Accounting Handbook* 3.8.2.2. If because of weather, safety, or health issues, your district misses additional instructional days **beyond the two designated makeup days schedule**, your school district can apply to the TEA for a missed school day waiver.

Charter schools applying for a missed school day waiver must submit their applications as soon as possible after the missed school day so that Foundation School Program (FSP) System calendars can be updated and FSP System six-week report submissions are accurate.

See *Student Attendance Accounting Handbook* 3.8.3 **Closures for Bad Weather or Other Issues of Health or Safety** for more information.

Low Attendance Days

Districts or campuses can request a waiver to excuse any instructional days from ADA calculations that have attendance at least 10 percent below the last school year's average attendance due to inclement weather, health, safety-related, or other issues. See *Student Attendance Accounting Handbook* 3.8.2.3. This excuse is for FSP funding purposes only. Excluding the day from ADA calculations for audit purposes requires specific written TEA approval. In the waiver, your district must attach supporting documentation of low attendance for the day (including the reason for the low attendance rate) and the prior year's attendance report (showing the average for the year) for your district or campus.

**All low attendance waivers must be submitted by the end of July for the current school year using the automated waiver system.*