

TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY
STATE WAIVERS

APPLICATION FOR EXPEDITED AND GENERAL STATE WAIVERS

General Instructions. For Expedited Waivers, please complete Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4. For General State Waivers, please complete Sections 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7. **Bolded** items in Section 2 and Section 3 must be completed. Please direct questions to the State Waiver Unit at (512) 463-9630 or www.tea.state.tx.us/waivers.

SECTION 1. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR ALL WAIVERS.

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SECTION 2. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR ALL WAIVERS.

Superintendent: James Veitenheimer _____ Signature _____
Typed Name
Board President: David Farmer _____ Signature _____
Typed Name
Date Board Approval: _____ Board Vote – For _ Against _ Abstain _ Absent _

SECTION 3. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR ALL WAIVERS.

Comments of appropriate Site-Based Decision Making Committee: There were no comments made by the committee on early release or late start. There were concerns about where the staff development days were located, but once explained, they accepted the calendar.

SBDM Committee Chairperson Signature *Mark Smith*

SECTION 4. EXPEDITED WAIVERS. PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.

Staff Development Waiver, pursuant to Texas Education Code (TEC) §25.081. This waiver allows the district to train staff on various educational strategies designed to improve student performance in lieu of a maximum of three days of student instruction. Please state the number of days requested. 3

Please check the years requested: 2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008

Reading/English Language Arts; Mathematics; Science; and/or Social Studies Staff Development Waiver, pursuant to TEC §25.081. This waiver allows the district to conduct additional staff training for reading/english language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies strategies aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills in lieu of a maximum of two days of student instruction.

Please check no more than two subject areas for only one day each:

Reading/English Language Arts ___ Mathematics ___ Science ___ Social Studies ___

Please check the years requested: 2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008

Staff Development through Participation in Eligible Conferences Waiver, pursuant to TEC §25.081. This waiver allows the district to send staff to eligible conferences for staff development to improve student performance in lieu of one day of student instruction.

Please check the years requested: 2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008

Early Release Waiver, pursuant to TEC §25.082. This waiver allows the district to conduct school for less than seven (7) hours for a total of six (6) days of student instruction to provide additional training in educational methodologies and/or to provide time to meet the needs of students and local communities. Please state the number of days requested. 5

Please check the years requested: 2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008

Modified Schedule/TAKS Testing Days Waiver, pursuant to TEC §25.082. This waiver allows the district to modify the schedule of classes on TAKS testing days during the current school year to reduce interruptions during testing periods. This waiver is approved yearly.

SECTION 4. EXPEDITED WAIVERS.

Textbooks for Photojournalism, Astronomy and Human Geography pursuant to TEC §7.056. This waiver allows the district reimbursement for the purchase of non-state adopted textbooks used in Photojournalism and Astronomy courses for which no textbooks were adopted by the state. Reimbursement is equal to the state maximum cost or the cost of the textbook, whichever is lower.

Please check the years request: 2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008

SECTION 5. GENERAL WAIVER.

Disciplinary Alternative Education Programs, pursuant to TEC 37.008(g). This waiver allows the district to use more than 18% of the district's SCE allotment to provide basic services for disciplinary alternative education programs established under Section 37.008. The school district is required to state the reason for needing to exceed the 18% limit and to report the number of students in each grade level, by demographic subgroup, not making satisfactory progress under the state's assessment system. This waiver is granted for one year and the waiver must be renewed in writing prior to the start of the school year through the Texas Education Agency waiver office for each subsequent year, in accordance with TEA policies and deadlines for filing. Please state the total percentage of the district's SCE allotment that is being requested to provide basic services at the DAEP. _____

SECTION 6. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR GENERAL WAIVERS.

Please check one:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Course Requirement | <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy Related Services Break-In-Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disciplinary Alternative Education Campus | <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy Related Services On-Campus CEHI |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Exchange Student | <input type="checkbox"/> Study of Electronic Courses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify _____ | |

SECTION 7. COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR ALL WAIVERS OTHER THAN EXPEDITED WAIVERS. PLEASE USE SEPARATE PAGE.

1. Give a brief narrative description of the requested waiver.
2. Does the district or campus plan reflect the need for this waiver? If yes, what is the specific objective impacted by the waiver?
3. Cite the Texas Education Code or the Texas Administration Code that the district or campus wishes to waive?
4. Describe the plan to be implemented, if the waiver is granted.
5. How will granting this waiver help achieve the district or campus's objective?
6. Please explain how the school district or campus will evaluate the impact of the waiver towards meeting the district or campus's goal.
7. Please specify the school years for which the waiver is requested, to a maximum of three years.

2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008

All applications should be mailed or faxed. The fax number is (512) 475-3666.

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