

Request for District Board of Trustees Approval of a Modified Schedule State Assessment Testing Days Waiver

Purpose: 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, thereby eliminating interruptions during testing period.

Requested Years: 2013-2015

Date of District Board of Trustees Approval:

Request for District Board of Trustees Approval for a Timeline for Accelerated Instruction Waiver

Purpose: As part of the Student Success Initiative (SSI), districts and charter schools are required to provide accelerated instruction to students in grades 5 and 8 who do not demonstrate proficiency on the state assessment reading and/or mathematics tests. This accelerated instruction must occur after each administration of the test, including the third administration. A student may advance to or be placed in the next grade level only if (1) he or she completes all accelerated instruction required by the grade placement committee (GPC) and (2) the GPC determines, by unanimous decision, that the student is likely to perform at grade level at the end of the next school year given additional accelerated instruction during the course of the year.

To assist districts in meeting the accelerated instruction provision after the third administration of the test, TEA is allowing districts to apply for a waiver to adjust the time line for providing accelerated instruction to students who fail the third administration. The waiver will be granted if districts meet certain conditions, including identifying and documenting the intensive instruction a student needs, targeting this instruction to test objectives on which the student was weak, and ensuring that this instruction is completed during the first six weeks of school. In addition to this intensive accelerated instruction, districts must develop an accelerated instruction plan that will provide the student with ongoing instructional support during the entire school year.

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