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UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Course Requirement Waiver for Advanced Engineering Design and Presentation.

SUBMITTED BY: Alicia G. Carrillo, CTE Director **OF:** Instruction Department

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: _____ May 19, 2010

Recommendation:

Administration recommends that the Board approve UISD's application to the Texas Education Agency for a Course requirement waiver for "Advanced Engineering Design and Presentation".

Rationale:

This Course Requirement Waiver would make it possible for students in the Engineering Magnet to be able to fit Advanced Engineering Design and Presentation into their four-year plan by giving UISD the option to offer the course for a minimum of one credit, better meeting the needs of UISD students and our community.

Budgetary Information:

There is no impact on the budget.

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:

1. Give a brief narrative description of the requested waivers.

United ISD is requesting a course-requirement waiver to be able to offer Advanced Engineering Design and Presentation (2-3 credits) for 1-3 credits. Currently, this course must be offered for a minimum of 2 credits, making it difficult for some students to take advantage of this program because of the increased requirements of the "Four by four" graduation plan.

2. Does this district or campus plan reflect the need for this waiver? If yes, what is the specific objective impacted by this waiver?

District Goal: Continue to improve student achievement.

Long-Range Goal: To implement an academic program that will serve to improve student achievement in all areas of TAKS by reaching 90% by 2012.

Performance Objectives: United ISD will offer at least one section of the course listed above per semester at United High School.

3. Cite the Texas Education Code or the Texas Administrative Code that the district or campus wishes to waive.

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4. Describe the plan to be implemented if the waiver is granted.

United ISD four-year plans are designed with the objective that all UISD students complete a rigorous and comprehensive curriculum. Due to the number of courses that four-year plans require for students, we need the course mentioned above to be offered for one credit. A one-credit course would better meet the needs of UISD students and our community and would allow students the flexibility of enrolling in these enrichment electives without having to allocate an entire 90-minute block for the entire year on the accelerated block schedule. Counselors will use the waiver information when pre-registering students for the 2010-11 school year.

5. How will granting this waiver help achieve the district or campus's objective?

UISD students in the Engineering Magnet program will be given the opportunity to study and master computer software applications in a variety of engineering and technical fields.

6. Please explain how the school district or campus will evaluate the impact of the waiver towards meeting the district or campus's goal.

The campus will use PEIMS data to evaluate student enrollment in the course listed above.

7. Please specify the school years for which the waiver is requested, to a maximum of three years.

Our district is requesting the maximum of three years at this time.
2011-2013



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, 5, and 6. **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.

District Name:	<u>United ISD</u>	County/District No.	<u>240 - 903</u>
Address:	<u>201 Lindenwood</u>	Telephone No.	<u>(956) - 473 - 2018</u>
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SECTION 2. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR ALL WAIVERS.

Superintendent: Roberto J. Santos
☐ Dr. ☒ Mr. Typed Name _____ Signature _____
☐ Mrs. ☒ Ms. _____
Board President: Pat Campos
Typed Name _____ Signature _____
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: SBDM committee recommends approval of Course Requirement Waiver for Advanced Engineering Design and Presentation
SBDM Committee Chairperson Signature *Cecilia Cruz*

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 or charter school 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: _____
Please check the years requested: ☐ 2010-2011 ☐ 2011-2012 ☐ 2012-2013
- ☐ **Reading/English Language Arts; Mathematics; Science; and/or Social Studies Staff Development Waiver**, pursuant to TEC §25.081. This waiver allows the district or charter school 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: ☐ 2010-2011 ☐ 2011-2012 ☐ 2012-2013
- ☐ **Staff Development through Participation in Eligible Conferences Waiver**, pursuant to TEC §25.081. This waiver allows the district or charter school 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: ☐ 2010-2011 ☐ 2011-2012 ☐ 2012-2013
- ☐ **Early Release Waiver**, pursuant to TEC §25.082(a). This waiver allows the district or charter school 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: _____
Please check the years requested: ☐ 2010-2011 ☐ 2011-2012 ☐ 2012-2013
- ☐ **Modified Schedule/TAKS Testing Days Waiver**, pursuant to TEC §25.082(a). This waiver allows the district or charter school to modify the schedule of classes on TAKS testing days during the current school year to reduce interruptions during testing periods.
Please check the years requested: ☐ 2010-2011 ☐ 2011-2012 ☐ 2012-2013

SECTION 4. EXPEDITED WAIVERS

TEXTBOOK WAIVERS: Pursuant to TEC §7.056. This waiver allows school districts and open enrollment charter schools the opportunity to purchase instructional materials and obtain reimbursement up to the state maximum cost called for in a proclamation, for which no textbook was offered for consideration by publishers. These courses include, but are not limited to:

- ☐ **Proclamations 1998, 1999 and 2000: Photojournalism, Astronomy; AP Environmental Science; IB Environmental Systems; and AP Human Geography:**
 - ☐ 2010-2011 ☐ 2011-2012 ☐ 2012-2013
- ☐ **Proclamations 2001 and 2002: Business Education; Technology Education/Industrial Technology Education; Trade and Industrial Education; Languages Other Than English; and Fine Arts:**
 - ☐ 2010-2011 ☐ 2011-2012 ☐ 2012-2013
- ☐ **Proclamation 2004: IB Mathematical Studies Subsidiary Level; IB Mathematical Methods Subsidiary Level; IB Mathematical Higher Level; and IB Advanced Mathematics Subsidiary Level.**
 - ☐ 2010-2011 ☐ 2011-2012 ☐ 2012-2013
- ☐ **Proclamation 2010: Spanish Literature, Grade 6; IB Language Studies Standard Level; and IB Language Studies Higher Level.**
 - ☐ 2010-2011 ☐ 2011-2012 ☐ 2012-2013

A complete list of subjects eligible for waivers and the maximum costs allowed may be viewed at:
<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/textbooks/waivers/subjectsnobids.pdf>

☐ **Foreign Exchange Student Waiver**, pursuant to TEC §25.001(e). This expedited waiver allows the district to limit the number of foreign exchange students to a number that is not less than five per high school. An application to limit the number to less than five per high school must be submitted as a general waiver. The number requested by the district for an expedited waiver is ____ (state number of students) per high school. The waiver is subject to the provisions in the attached guidelines and FAQ <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/waivers/ForeignExchangeGuidelines.doc> <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/waivers/ForeignExchangeFAQ.doc>. The waiver will be issued if it is determined that admission of more than this number indicated will (check all that apply):

- ☐ (1) create a financial or staffing hardship for the district;
- ☐ (2) diminish the district's ability to provide high quality educational services for the district's domestic students; or
- ☐ (3) require domestic students to compete with foreign exchange students for educational resources.

Please check the years requested: ☐ 2010-2011 ☐ 2011-2012 ☐ 2012-2013

SECTION 5. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION & SECTION 6 FOR GENERAL WAIVERS

- ☒ Course Requirement
- ☐ Pregnancy Related Services On-Campus CEHI
- ☐ Study of Electronic Courses
- ☐ Other Specify _____
- ☐ For foreign exchange student waiver, description must address the circumstances applicable to the district under TEC § Section 25.001(e) (1), (2), or (3). Please submit local policy with application.
<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/waivers/ForeignExchangeGuidelines.doc>
<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/waivers/ForeignExchangeFAQ.doc>

☐ **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 supplemental 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. Please state the total percentage of the district's SCE allotment that is being requested to provide supplemental services at the DAEP. _____. For additional information, reference page 20 of the T.E.A. Financial Accountability System Resource Guide located at <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/financial.audits/resguide14/Comped.pdf>.

SECTION 6. 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?
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☒ 2010-2011 ☒ 2011-2012 ☒ 2012-2013

ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MAILED OR FAXED. THE FAX NUMBER IS (512) 475-3666.

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