

TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY
STATE WAIVERS UNIT

APPLICATION FOR FIRST DAY OF INSTRUCTION WAIVER

First Day of Instruction Waiver, pursuant to TEC §25.0811. This waiver allows the district to begin instruction for students before the week in which August 21st falls. For this purpose, Sunday is considered the first day of the week. The school district is required to publish a notice 60 days prior to submitting an application. The notice shall include the intent to apply and the specific date the district intends to begin the first day of instruction for students. The district shall hold a public hearing; and in the waiver application, the district shall include a summary of opinions and any consensus of opinion expressed at the public hearing concerning the beginning date of instruction for students. This waiver is granted for one year and an application is required for each subsequent year. **Bolded** items must be completed.

SECTION 1. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION.

District Name:	<u>Keller ISD</u>	County/District No.	<u>220 - 907</u>
Address:	<u>350 Keller Parkway</u>	Telephone No.	<u>(817) - 744 - 1000</u>
	<u>Keller, TX 76248</u>	Fax No.	<u>(817) - 337 - 3299</u>
Contact Person:	<u>Janet Swan</u>	Telephone No.	<u>(817) - 744 - 1018</u>

SECTION 2. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION.

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

SECTION 3. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION.

Comments of appropriate Site-Based Decision Making Committee: The site-based committee was in agreement with the recommendation. The committee requested a reduction in the number of early release days which was changed per their request.

SBDM Committee Chairperson Signature 

SECTION 4. COMPLETE THIS SECTION. PLEASE USE SEPARATE PAGE IF NECESSARY.

1. Give a brief narrative description of the requested waiver. The Keller ISD community was given a survey with a question concerning first day of instruction. An early start date was the consensus for just over 60%. Later on a follow-up survey to the Public Hearing, 70% said they agreed with beginning on August 9. This community has been using a modified year round school for about 10 years. The district would like to begin school on Wednesday, August 9, 2006.

2. Does the district or campus plan reflect the need for this waiver? If yes, what is the specific objective impacted by the waiver? Yes. Goal 4: The KISD will develop and promote positive community relations through effective communication, the involvement of stakeholders, and the establishment of business and community partnerships. Objective 4.1: Put into place plans and procedures to provide for stakeholder access and participation in district activities.

3. Describe the plan to be implemented, if the waiver is granted. We will begin school on Wednesday, August 9, 2006.

4. How will granting this waiver help achieve the district or campus's objective? It meets the district objective by allowing the stakeholders in the community be part of the process to choose what the school calendar will look like. By following this calendar, we would have listened to our stakeholders.

5. Please explain how the school district or campus will evaluate the impact of the waiver towards meeting the district or campus's goal. District Goal 4 has specific formative and summative measures including having meeting notices, agendas, sign-in sheets, and minutes that show stakeholders were a part of decision making. We believe the impact of including our stakeholders in various ways, including helping us generate a calendar, adds to the positive attitude people in the community have toward the district. In addition, if the stakeholders continue to choose from year to year an early start date through their survey, it shows we are meeting the expectations/desires of the community.

6. Enter the date the public notice was published. 01 / 14 / 2006

7. Enter start date included on the public notice published. 08 / 09 / 2006

8. Enter the date of the public hearing. 01 / 17 / 2006

9. Include the copy of the public notice with the application.

10. Summarize consensus of opinions expressed at the public hearing: The overwhelming majority of those attending favored an early start time. Many thought it was a better "academic" calendar for both the students and the teachers to have breaks throughout the year and to complete the semester before Christmas.

11. Provide the following information regarding the public hearing:

Number attending the public hearing	<u>33</u>
Number registering in favor of the waiver	<u>26</u>
Number registering against the waiver	<u>7</u>
Number registering no position regarding the waiver	<u>0</u>

12. In the event other methods are used to gather community input regarding this waiver request, indicate whether the input received was characterized as favorable, unfavorable or neutral: In addition to a public hearing, before the Board adopted the calendar, we published a community survey on our website for 14 days and distributed it to those on our mass email list. There was only one question on this survey and it concerned early start. We received 3,179 responses. 2,221 (70%) were in favor of the early start date, 958 (30%) were opposed to it.

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

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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.

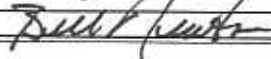
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SECTION 2. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR ALL WAIVERS.

Superintendent: James Veitenheimer _____ Signature _____
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Board President: David Farmer _____ Signature _____
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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: The site-based committee was in agreement with the recommendation.

SBDM Committee Chairperson Signature 

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 1 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. 4

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.
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