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United Independent School District



Remote Conferencing for Temporary Medical Conditions August 16, 2021

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Texas Education Agency Guidance for **Remote Conferencing**

If your school district provides instruction through remote conferencing to a regular education student, your district may count that instruction as classroom time for Foundation School Program (FSP) funding purposes and count the student in attendance for FSP funding purposes, provided certain requirements are met.

These two requirements must be met:

- The student is unable to attend school because of a temporary medical condition.
- The total amount of remote conferencing instruction does not exceed more than 20 instructional days over the entirety of the school year.

In addition, one of the following requirements also must be met:

- The student's temporary medical condition is documented by a physician licensed to practice in the United States. The documentation must include a statement from the physician that the student is to remain confined to their home or to a hospital.
- The student has a positive test result for a communicable condition listed in 25 TAC §97.7.
- The student has been identified as having been in close contact with COVID-19.



Texas Education Agency Guidance for **Remote Conferencing - Waiver**

If the documented temporary medical condition persists longer than 20 instructional days over the entirety of the school year, <u>a waiver request must be submitted</u> for an extension of remote conferencing beyond the allowable cumulative 20 instructional day period.

The waiver request must include an explanation of the circumstances. (For example, a child was in close contact with COVID-19 more than twice over the course of the year, and the family opted to follow the stay-at-home recommendations each time).

Waivers will be granted on a case-by-case basis. A waiver will not be granted if the student is unable to attend school for a reason other than a medical condition, such as confinement at home for disciplinary reasons.

Students participating through remote conferencing will generate attendance in the following ways (instruction does not need to be consecutive):

- Students in grades pre-K to five must receive the equivalent of four hours of instruction with at least two hours of synchronous instruction each school day.
- Students in grades six to twelve must receive <u>at least four hours of instruction through</u> <u>synchronous instruction</u> each school day.



Process for RC Requests

https://www.uisd.net/52161

RC Waiver for 20+ Days

- Before the beginning of the 11th RC day, if the parent reports that the child's condition may extend beyond the 20 instructional days, the campus administrator will provide access to the link for the Medically Fragile Physician Report (For Requests Exceeding 20 School Days).
 - Medically Fragile Form
- The request will be submitted to the Texas Education Agency via the Waiver Request.
- The request must include the date the United ISD Board Approves the Waiver submission for any qualifying students.
- The date for the 2022-2023 school year will be (if approved): August 23, 2022

