



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC Approval of Application for Expedited and General State Waivers for the 2011-2012 School Year

SUBMITTED BY: Gloria S. Rendon **OF:** Superintendent's Office

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: June 22, 2011

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the United ISD Board of Trustees approve the following Expedited State Waiver Application in the following areas:

- Staff Development 2011-2012: 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 instruction.
- Reading/English Language Arts; Mathematics; Science; and/or Social Studies Staff Development Waiver: This waiver allows the district to conduct additional staff training for Reading/English Language Arts; Mathematics; Science; and/or Social Studies strategies aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills and lieu of a maximum of two days of student instruction.
- Early Release Waiver: This waiver allows the district to conduct school for less than seven hours for a total of six 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.
- Modified Schedule State Assessment Testing Days Waiver: This waiver allows the district to modify the schedule of classes on State Assessment testing days during the current school year to reduce interruptions during testing period.
- Teacher Data Portal of the Texas Assessment Management System Waiver: This waiver allows the district to apply for a waiver of participation in the teacher portal component of the Texas Assessment Management System. A waiver is granted if a district can provide assurance that the local teacher data portal meets the statutory requirements. Our current system DMAC meets the requirements.

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:

Texas Education Agency

State Waivers Unit

Application for Expedited and General State Waivers

Instructions

Mail or fax application to:

Texas Education Agency
State Waiver Unit
1701 North Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78701-1494
Phone (512) 463-9630
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Textbook Waivers

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>

Timeline for Accelerated Instruction Waiver

The waiver is subject to the conditions listed in the attached guidelines: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=7085#Timeline>

Teacher Data Portal of the Texas Assessment Management System Waiver

The waiver is subject to the conditions provided in the attached guidelines: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=7085#Portal>

Foreign Exchange Student Waiver

The waiver is subject to the provisions in the attached guidelines and FAQ:

Guidelines: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=2147500401>

FAQ: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=2147500402>

Waiver Information

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Roberto J. Santos

Printed Name

Signature

Board President: Dr. Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Pat Campos

Printed Name

Signature

Date of board approval: June 15, 20

Board vote: for- against- abstain- absent-

Comments from appropriate State-based Decision Making Committee:

Cordelia Orengo

Committee Chairperson (print)

Committee Chairperson Signature

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Expedited Waivers

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.

Number of days requested: 3

Requested years: 2011 - 2012 2012 - 2013 2013 - 2014

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.

Reading/English Language Arts Mathematics Science Social Studies

Requested years: 2011 - 2012 2012 - 2013 2013 - 2014

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.

Requested years: 2011 - 2012 2012 - 2013 2013 - 2014

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.

Number of days requested: 1

Requested years: 2011 - 2012 2012 - 2013 2013 - 2014

Modified Schedule State Assessment Testing Days Waiver

Pursuant to TEC §25.082(a), this waiver allows the district or charter school to modify the schedule of classes on State Assessment testing days during the current school year to reduce interruptions during testing period.

Requested years: 2011 - 2012 2012 - 2013 2013 - 2014

Timeline for Accelerated Instruction Waiver

Pursuant to §28.0211(a) and (a-2), this waiver allows districts and charter schools to adjust the timeline for providing the accelerated instruction required for placement in/promotion to the next grade. This waiver is limited to students who fail the third administration of the grade 5 or 8 TAKS reading and/or mathematics test. (Please see instruction section)

Requested years: 2011 - 2012 2012 - 2013 2013 - 2014

Teacher Data Portal of the Texas Assessment Management System Waiver

Pursuant to §32.258, this waiver allows school districts and charter schools to apply for a waiver of participation in the teacher portal component of the Texas Assessment Management System. A waiver is granted if a district can provide assurance that the local teacher data portal meets the statutory requirements outlined in TEC 32.258. (Please see instruction section)

Requested years: 2011 - 2012 2012 - 2013 2013 - 2014

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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. (Please see instruction section)

Proclamations 1998, 1999 and 2000: Photojournalism, Astronomy; AP Environmental Science; IB Environmental Systems; and AP Human Geography

Requested years: 2011 - 2012 2012 - 2013 2013 - 2014

Proclamations 2001 and 2002: Business Education; Technology Education/Industrial Technology Education; Trade and Industrial Education; Languages Other Than English; and Fine Arts

Requested years: 2011 - 2012 2012 - 2013 2013 - 2014

Proclamation 2004: IB Mathematical Studies Subsidiary Level; IB Mathematical Methods Subsidiary Level; IB Mathematical Higher Level; and IB Advanced Mathematics Subsidiary Level

Requested years: 2011 - 2012 2012 - 2013 2013 - 2014

Proclamation 2010: Spanish Literature, Grade 6; IB Language Studies Standard Level; and IB Language Studies Higher Level

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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. (Please see instruction section)

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

Number of students requested (per high school):

Requested years: 2011 - 2012 2012 - 2013 2013 - 2014

General Waivers

Questions 1 - 7 on page 5 are REQUIRED for all General Waivers

- Course requirement
- Course requirement (CTE)
- Pregnancy related services on-campus (CEHI)
- Electronic course program
- 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. (Please see instruction section)
- Other (please specify): _____

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 see instruction section)

Percentage of district SCE allotment: