

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BEEVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Date: March 21, 2006

**Subject: Application for Expedited
 Waivers**

Submitted By: Mrs. Jones

CONSENT AGENDA

INFORMATION: There are five waiver requests the school district would like to make to TEA this year. These waivers have been requested and approved in the past. They are Modified Schedule/TAKS Testing Days Waiver, Alternative Education Program Attendance and Pregnancy Related Services On-Campus CEHI, Career and Textbooks for Photojournalism, Astronomy and Human Geography. We are also requesting a new waiver for Business Computer Information Systems. This is the first year we have been allowed to have this waiver. Descriptions of these waivers are on the form attached. The board president must sign the original form and we must submit it to TEA.

ITEMS ADDRESSED:

Application for Expedited Waivers (There is a form that the board president must sign.)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval of Application

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

None

**TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY
STATE WAIVERS**

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.

District Name: <u>Beeville ISD</u>	County/District No. <u>013 - 901</u>
Address: <u>2400 N. St. Mary's Street</u>	Telephone No. <u>(361) - 358 - 7111</u>
<u>Beeville, TX 78102</u>	Fax No. <u>(361) - 358 - 7837</u>
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SECTION 2. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR ALL WAIVERS.

Superintendent: <u>John Hardwick, Jr., Ed. D.</u>	_____
Typed Name	Signature
Board President: <u>Nick Cardenas</u>	_____
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: We need these waivers. Other alternative schools use this type of waiver.

SBDM Committee Chairperson Signature Jean Blankenship

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: 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 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: 2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008

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: 2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008

Early Release Waiver, pursuant to TEC §25.082. 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: 2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008

Modified Schedule/TAKS Testing Days Waiver, pursuant to TEC §25.082. 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. This waiver is approved yearly.

SECTION 4. EXPEDITED WAIVERS.

Textbooks for Photojournalism, Astronomy, Environmental Science, and Human Geography, pursuant to TEC §7.056. This waiver allows the district or charter school reimbursement for the purchase of non-state adopted textbooks used in Photojournalism, Astronomy, Environmental Science, and Human Geography 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 requested: 2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008

Business Computer Information Systems (BCIS) I and II instructional materials, pursuant to SBOE action. This waiver allows the district or charter school to order a Microsoft 2003 version of instructional materials in place of a Microsoft XP version for use in Business Computer Information Systems (BCIS) I and II. This request is equal to the state maximum cost or the cost of the textbook, whichever is lower. Please check the appropriate box:

- Microsoft 2003 version for BCIS I
- Microsoft 2003 version for BCIS II

Please check the years requested: 2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008

Foreign Exchange Student Waiver, pursuant to TEC §25.001(e). This waiver allows the district to limit the number of foreign exchange students to ___ (state number of students) per district. The waiver will be issued if it is determined that admission of a foreign exchange student 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: 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy Related Services On-Campus CEHI |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Specify <u>Alternative Education Program Attendance</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Study of Electronic Courses |

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.

2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008

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

State Waiver Unit
Texas Education Agency
1701 North Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78701-1494

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Pregnancy Related Services On-Campus CEHI

1. Give a brief description of the requested waiver. *A waiver is requested for Pregnancy Related Services. The purpose of the waiver is to provide educational services for students at a school in a homelike environment and at home (not just at home or at the hospital bedside) when pregnancy prevents the student from attending school and during the post partum period.*

2. Does the district or campus plan reflect the need for this waiver? *Yes.*

If yes, what is the specific objective impacted by the waiver? *The specific campus objective as stated in the campus improvement plan is: The dropout rate will be reduced with the ultimate goal of eliminating dropouts.*

3. Cite the Texas Education Code or the Texas Administration Code that the district or campus wishes to waive. *The purpose of this request is to waive the requirement in the 2006-2007, 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 Student Attendance Handbook for CEHI as stated on page 160 (TEC Chapter 25).*

4. Describe the plan to be implemented, if the waiver is granted. *Students are visited in the hospital and/or at home 1-2 times by a certified teacher responsible for the CEHI (more times if there is a medical need). The students come to the PEP classroom 2-4 times per week for 4 hours of instruction. Transportation is provided to the students and is available during the school day as needed. Transportation is provided to and from the student's home.*

5. How will granting this waiver help achieve the district or campus's objective? *Students will benefit from this waiver because in addition to the certified teacher for CEHI, the students will continue to have access to learning resources, the Internet, and the regular classroom teachers thus increasing the likelihood of academic success and a smooth transition back into the regular academic program.*

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 district will review annually attendance rates, graduation rates, and the number of credits earned for students receiving these services.*

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

2006-2007

2007-2008

2008-2009

Alternative Education Program Attendance

1. Give a brief description of the requested waiver. *A waiver is requested for Alternative Education Program Attendance. The purpose of the waiver request is to allow the academic recovery program at the Learning Resource Center to take student attendance at flexible hours.*
2. Does the district or campus plan reflect the need for this waiver? *Yes.*

If yes, what is the specific objective impacted by the waiver? *The specific objected as stated in the campus improvement plan for the academic recovery program is: Student achievement will be increased.*

3. Cite the Texas Education Code or the Texas Administration Code that the district or campus wishes to waive. *The purpose of this request is to waive the requirement in the 2006-2007, 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 Student Attendance Handbook for attendance requirements for non-traditional schools (page 147-148) which states that regardless of how the student is served, attendance must be reported according to the traditional rules of the standardized attendance accounting system required by the PEIMS Data Standards. (TEC§42.006)*

4. Describe the plan to be implemented, if the waiver is granted. *Students would have the opportunity to attend school for a full seven hours each day. However, students would be required to attend a minimum of four hours per day for fulltime students and two hours per day for part-time students. Student hours would be determined by student need based on courses needed for graduation, work schedule, and family needs. Documentation of attendance would be maintained using a time card system. Student attendance would be documented based on the student's absence or presence at each individual student's second period of the day.*

5. How will granting this waiver help achieve the district or campus's objective? *By allowing student to have flexible hours, and by determining school schedules based on student needs, student attendance rates will increase.*

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 district will review annually attendance rates, graduation rates and the number of credits earned for students receiving these services.*

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

2006-2007

2007-2008

2008-2009