



To: Coppell ISD Board of Trustees
From: Debbie Gauntt
Date: September 21, 2021
Cc: Dr. Brad Hunt

Re: 2021-2022 Application for "Other Waiver"
Waiver Description 3.7.3 GEH Funding Chart
Waiver ID: 63235
Category: General

The purpose of this waiver request to TEA allows school districts and charter schools to request a waiver of requirement, restriction, or prohibition imposed by the Texas Education Code (TEC) or rule of the board or commissioner, except as prohibited by TEC §7.056 (e).

Description of TEA Waiver being requested:

3.7.3 GEH Funding Chart requesting the waiver regarding the requirement that a homebound teacher serve a student in person at the student's home or hospital bedside in order for the FSP funding to be generated, as required by 3.7.3 GEH Funding Chart or 9/10 Confinement and Earning Eligible Days Present of the handbook, which is adopted annually through 19 TAC §7.056 (e).

Plan to be implemented, if the Waiver is granted by TEA:

The plan will be implemented to accommodate needs for severe medical circumstances for individual learners who are unable to participate in campus-based learning. The waiver will also be considered for remote conferencing conditions for those who may be eligible. (None at this time.) By having the benefit of this waiver, the district may thoughtfully consider the needs of individual learners with unique circumstances and personalized needs regarding their inability to attend in-person learning or have a homebound facilitator be present in the home without compromising an individual's health. This waiver will also allow campus committee decisions regarding virtual homebound to align with medical provider recommendations. A learner with an autoimmune disorder, and or fragile medical condition may be considered by way of this waiver and receive virtual homebound services if appropriate. The waiver will allow for maximized learner engagement without compromising their health-related condition(s).

Learner progress will be continuously monitored to determine reasonable progress is being made by all receiving virtual homebound. Impact and effectiveness will be considered on a case by case basis and carefully reviewed by the campus Section 504 or ARD Committees. At any time that a learner does not demonstrate reasonable progress, the appropriate campus committee will convene to discuss concerns and identify solutions that will support learner success.

This waiver request is for the 2021-22 school year. This is not an existing waiver at this time.

RECOMMENDATION: The CISD Board of Trustees approve a waiver to be submitted to the Texas Education Agency to allow for virtual homebound services to be considered for learners as appropriate and exemption from the rule stated in the Student Attendance and Accounting Handbook that states homebound service must be provided in the learner's home environment.