



# UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## AGENDA ACTION ITEM

**TOPIC** Approval of Expedited State Waivers for the 2012-2013 School Year for Staff Development, Reading/English Language Arts; Math; Science; and/or Social Studies Staff Development Waiver, Early Release, and Modified Schedule/State Assessment Testing Days Waiver

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

**APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:** April 18, 2012

### RECOMMENDATION:

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

- Staff Development Waiver for 2012-2013: As per 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. The dates are as follows: October 8, 2012; February 25, 2013, May 27, 2013.
- Staff Development for Reading/Language Arts, Mathematics; Science; and/or Social Studies Waiver for 2012-2013: As per TEC§25.081, this waiver allows the district to conduct additional staff training for Reading/English Language Arts; Math; Science; and/or Social Studies strategies aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills in lieu of a maximum of two days of instruction. One day has been designated for this purpose: April 29, 2013.
- Modified Schedule/State Assessment Testing Days Waiver. As per TEC§25.081, this waiver allows the district to modify the schedule of classes on State Assessment testing days during the current school year to reduce interruption during testing period. The district will be designating these days at a later time.
- Early Release Waiver for 2012-2013 school year: As per TEC§25.081, 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. The District is requesting 1 (one) early release day. The early release date has been designated as June 7, 2013, the last day of classes.

NOTE: The DEIC was presented with this information for review at the March 22, 2012, meeting.

### RATIONALE:

### BUDGETARY INFORMATION

### BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:

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## 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  
Fax (512) 475-3666  
Email [waivers@tea.state.tx.us](mailto:waivers@tea.state.tx.us)

#### 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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Superintendent: ☐ Dr. ☒ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms.

Roberto J. Santos

Printed Name

Signature

Board President: ☐ Dr. ☒ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms.

Judd Gilpin

Printed Name

Signature

Date of board approval: 4-18-2012

Board vote: for- against- abstain- absent-

Comments from appropriate Site-based Decision Making Committee:

Committee approved the application for expedited waivers.

Elia M. Juarez

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:

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:

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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#### ☐ 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 4 are REQUIRED for all General Waivers

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Course requirement  | <input type="checkbox"/> Course requirement (CTE)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy related services on-campus (CEHI)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic course program        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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. <b>(Please see instruction section)</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):<br>_____ |



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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's or campus' objective?

6. Please explain how the school district or campus will evaluate the impact of the waiver towards meeting the district's or campus' goal.

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

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

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