



# UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

**TOPIC** Request for Expedited State Waiver Application for the 2012-2013 School year for Early Release of High School Students

**SUBMITTED BY:** Gloria s. Rendon **OF:** Asst. to the Superintendent

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

**DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:** June 20, 2012

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the United ISD Board of Trustees approve the Expedited State Waiver Application for the 2012-2013 School year for Early Release of High School Students for the following dates:

- June 3, 2013
  - June 4, 2013
  - June 5, 2013
- June 6, 2013 was submitted in April for approval

**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  
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

District name: <b>United Independent School District</b>		District/Campus #: <b>240-903</b>	Phone: <b>956-473-6201</b>	Fax: <b>956-728-8691</b>
Address: <b>201 Lindenwood Dr.</b>		City: <b>Laredo</b>	State: <b>TX</b>	Zip code: <b>78045</b>
Contact first name: <b>Gloria</b>	MI: <b>S.</b>	Contact last name: <b>Rendon</b>	Phone: <b>95-473-6243</b>	E-mail: <b>grendon@uisd.net</b>

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: 06-20-12

Board vote: for- against- abstain- absent-

Comments from appropriate Site-based Decision Making Committee:

Committee approved the recommendation for high school students to be released early the last week of school to allow them to take final exams on an abbreviated schedule. This schedule also allows teachers to score exams and finalize grade reports.

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