

BOARD CONSENT AGENDA ITEM
Board of Trustees Meeting August 8, 2023

Consider Approval of 2023 – 2024 Expedited State Waiver

SUMMARY:

This consent agenda item requests approval to apply for the Expedited State Waiver listed below for the 2023 - 2024 school year. It is important to note that the waiver, if approved, will cover multiple years.

The following Expedited State Waiver is being submitted for consent:

Foreign Exchange Student (5 or more): This waiver allows the district to limit the number of foreign exchange students to a number that is 5 or more per high school under Texas Education Code 25.001 (e).

BOARD GOALS

TEACHING & LEARNING

IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE, WE WILL:

- develop and maintain a culture where learning remains our first priority
- advocate and practice true accountability based on measurement of individual student progress over time, regardless of external mandates
- cultivate a consistent, strong, district-wide balanced curriculum based on ongoing needs assessments supporting all students
- establish high expectations with a curriculum fostering inquiry, critical thinking, civic responsibility and exemplary citizenship
- cultivate a network of professional learning communities addressing the educational needs of every child in our district
- incorporate best practices into teaching, learning, technology and leadership
- foster and support an advanced digital learning environment
- establish goals for individual campuses that incorporate both measurable and intangible factors

CULTURE & CLIMATE

IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE, WE WILL:

- honor the dedication and professionalism of all staff
- celebrate, respect, and promote the value of diversity in our Denton ISD Community
- support a working environment ensuring open and transparent communication
- establish high expectations for success
- instill in students a love of lifelong learning
- foster a positive, welcoming environment encouraging parent and community partnerships
- promote health, wellness and emotional well-being
- effectively communicate achievements and recognitions to the Denton ISD community

GROWTH & MANAGEMENT

IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE, WE WILL:

- recruit, employ and retain high quality teachers
- remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus
- work with the community in planning and facility development
- utilize citizens' advisory committees to focus on short and long-term tasks
- adjust policies and procedures to address rapid growth and changing demographics, nurturing our strong sense of community
- demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources
- provide leadership and/or oversight to ensure District meets all fiscal, legal and regulatory requirements.
- encourage teachers and staff to pursue advanced degrees
- pursue energy efficiency and conservation principles -
- develop a budget focused on student and professional learning
- maintain a diverse workforce

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE, WE WILL:

- support college, career, military and life readiness
- engage students in extracurricular clubs and organizations
- Advocate for public education across the state and nation
- develop academic skills and interpersonal relationships necessary for student success in college, the workplace and for life

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Texas Education Agency typically approves this waiver for three years. The foreign exchange waiver has been previously approved, submitted to TEA, and received TEA approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

No additional background information to report other than that reflected in the summary of this consent agenda item.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

No additional significant issues to report other than those reflected in the summary of this consent agenda item.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

None noted at this time.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Board approval of the TEA waiver requests allows the District to remain in compliance with TEA requirements.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

Texas Education Agency will process the formal request as approved by the Denton ISD Board of Trustees.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

None

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board of Trustees may choose to deny the request.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends the Board approves the TEA Expedited and General State Waivers requests to be submitted for consideration to the Texas Education Agency.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Dr. Lacey Rainey, Assistant Superintendent for Academic Programs

ATTACHMENT:

None. Links for each waiver being presented for consent have been included in this document.

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: Dr. Lacey Rainey

Signature of Superintendent:

Signature of Board Vice-President:
