

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) 463-9290 or [www.tea.state.tx.us/waivers/cdd-106r04.doc](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/waivers/cdd-106r04.doc).

**SECTION 1. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR ALL WAIVERS.**

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**SECTION 2. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR ALL WAIVERS.**

Superintendent: <u>William F. Newton</u>	_____
Typed Name	Signature
Board President: <u>Richard W. Walker</u>	_____
Typed Name	Signature
Date Board Approval: _____	

**SECTION 3. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR ALL WAIVERS.**

**Comments of appropriate Site-Based Decision Making Committee:** NDLC's CBMC recommends approval.

SBDM Committee Chairperson Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**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 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: ☐ 2004-2005 ☐ 2005-2006 ☐ 2006-2007

☐ **Reading/English Language Arts; Mathematics; Science; and/or Social Studies Staff Development Waiver**, pursuant to TEC §25.081. This waiver allows the district 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 the number of days requested: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Reading/English Language Arts ☐ Mathematics ☐ Science ☐ Social Studies

Please check the years requested: ☐ 2004-2005 ☐ 2005-2006 ☐ 2006-2007

☐ **Staff Development through Participation in Eligible Conferences Waiver**, pursuant to TEC §25.081. This waiver allows the district 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: ☐ 2004-2005 ☐ 2005-2006 ☐ 2006-2007

☐ **Early Release Waiver**, pursuant to TEC §25.082. This waiver allows the district 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: ☐ 2004-2005 ☐ 2005-2006 ☐ 2006-2007

☐ **Modified Schedule/TAKS Testing Days Waiver**, pursuant to TEC §25.082. This waiver allows the district 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. PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.**

☐ **Textbooks for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate**, pursuant to TEC §7.056. This waiver allows the district reimbursement for the purchase of textbooks used in Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses for which no textbooks were adopted by the state.

Please check the years requested: ☐2004-2005 ☐2005-2006 ☐2006-2007

☐ **Textbooks for College Courses**, pursuant to TEC §7.056. This waiver allows the district reimbursement for the purchase of non-state adopted textbooks used in dual credit courses in which the student receives state graduation credit and post-secondary education credit.

Please check the years requested: ☐2004-2005 ☐2005-2006 ☐2006-2007

☐ **Textbooks for Photojournalism and Astronomy**, pursuant to TEC §7.056. This waiver allows the district reimbursement for the purchase of non-state adopted textbooks used in Photojournalism and Astronomy 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: ☐2004-2005 ☐2005-2006 ☐2006-2007

**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"/> Foreign Exchange Student                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Study of Electronic Courses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy Related Services                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Disciplinary Alternative Education Campus |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Specify <u>School of Choice</u> |  |  |

**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.

☒2004-2005 ☒2005-2006 ☒2006-2007

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

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## Section 7

1. Give a brief narrative description of the waiver being requested.

The Keller Independent School District is requesting a waiver to allow its alternative education school of choice campus (New Direction Learning Center) to take attendance at flexible hours. The waiver allows the district to claim Average Daily Attendance (ADA) for students who would normally miss the attendance period due to family or work-related issues.

2. Does the district or campus plan reflect the need for this waiver? If yes what is the specific objective impacted by the wavier?

Yes. The waiver addresses both the district and campus plans. The objective is to expand and improve services to all students who are at-risk of dropping out of school and to increase the percentage of student attendance.

3. Cite the Texas Education Code or the Texas Administration Code that the district or campus wishes to waive?

A student must be enrolled for at least two hours to be considered in membership for half day, and for at least four hours to be considered in membership for one full day. 19 TAC 129.21(h)

4. Describe the plan to be implemented, if the waiver is granted.

The waiver will allow the alternative education school of choice campus (New Direction Learning Center) to take attendance at flexible hours. Student attendance will be calculated on a daily basis. Daily time cards will be used to track the attendance of students, in addition to roll being taken each class period.

5. How will granting this waiver help achieve the districts or campus's objective?

The waiver will enhance the educational services provided to our at-risk student population. Students, who are unable to attend school daily during predetermined fixed hours, will have the flexibility to attend at variable times within the school day.

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

Students' attendance and course completion will be used to measure the impact the waiver will have on student achievement.

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

☒ 2004-2005    ☒ 2005-2006    ☒ 2006-2007