

# State Waiver Types - Expedited

## Staff Development - General

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This expedited waiver allows the district and charter schools to train staff on various educational strategies designed to improve student performance in lieu of a maximum of **three** days of student instruction.

- Districts and charter schools may request up to a maximum of three days for general staff development in lieu of student instruction.
- The Commissioner of Education reserves the right to modify or revoke approvals for the second or third year of the waiver, if such a change is required, districts will be notified in writing.
- Districts and charter schools must apply for the waiver days using the online waiver application.
- This waiver request may be approved for up to three years.

## Staff Development - Subject Areas

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This expedited waiver allows the district and charter schools to request up to two days to conduct additional staff training for reading/language arts, mathematics, science and/or social studies training one day per subject in lieu of student instruction for two days.

- The extra day or days must be related to staff development on the Texas Assessment Knowledge and Skills state assessment for reading/language arts, mathematics, science and/or social studies, respectively or on the early reading diagnostic instruments for kindergarten through grade two.
- Information on staff development modules related to the State Assessment and the early reading diagnostic instruments is available from the regional education service centers.
- Texas Center for Reading & Language Arts Initiative products can be accessed by clicking on [www.texasreading.org](http://www.texasreading.org) on the icons for professional development information.
- This waiver request may be approved for up to three years.

## Early Release

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This expedited waiver allows the districts and charter schools to conduct school for less than seven (7) hours for a total of six (6) days of student instruction a year.

- These days may provide additional training in education methodologies and /or to provide time to meet the needs of student and local communities.
- Districts and charter schools may shorten the student instructional day to release school: to conduct teacher collaboration or planning, to conduct teacher parent conferences, release prior to a holiday, game playoff or local school related activities.
- This waiver request may be approved for up to three years

## TEA Resource

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[http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=7085&menu\\_id=932](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=7085&menu_id=932)