



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Approval of Application for Expedited and General State Waiver

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

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: October 17, 2012

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the United ISD Board of Trustees Approve the Application for Expedited and General State Waiver.

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

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: 10-17-2012

Board vote: for- against- abstain- absent-

Comments from appropriate Site-based Decision Making Committee:

Committee reviewed information and approved

Elia 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