

Agenda Item:

Abilene Independent School District Board Document

Meeting Date: May 11, 2026

Meeting Type: Regular Board Meeting

Item Type: Consent

Future Action Required: No If Yes, Month: N/A

Subject: Low Attendance Day TEA Waiver

Background Information:

TEA allows districts to request a low attendance waiver when attendance on a school day is at least 10 percentage points below the prior year's average attendance due to circumstances such as weather, health, or safety concerns. If approved, the day is excluded from ADA and funding calculations, helping prevent an unusual attendance drop from negatively impacting the district.

The waiver request must include the reason for the low attendance, attendance data, operational minutes, and board approval. Low attendance waivers count toward the district's annual 4,200-minute waiver limit and must be submitted to TEA by the required deadline. Approval by the board is required to submit the waiver to TEA.

Below is a summary of the days the district has identified as meeting the "Low Attendance" Waiver requirements. We are asking for approval to submit a waiver for 2 district-wide days and 2 days at Craig Middle School. Attendance was impacted district-wide due Craig had an outbreak of the flu that impacted their attendance on 1/20/26 and 1/21/2026.

| Campus | Prior Year % of Attendance | Date | % of Attendance | Reason |
|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------|
| District-Wide | 93.365 | 1/23/2026 | 77.83 | Weather |
| District-Wide | 93.365 | 1/29/2026 | 82.97 | Weather |
| Craig Middle School | 92.391 | 1/20/2026 | 78 | Health |
| Craig Middle School | 92.391 | 1/21/2026 | 80.51 | Health |

Attached Supporting Documents:

2026 Low Attendance Day Data
TEA Low Attendance Day Form from TEAL
25-26 Waiver Guidebook

Fiscal Implications:

When approved by TEA, these days will be excluded from ADA and funding calculations.

Administrative Recommendation:

Approve the submission of the Waiver requests.

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