



NORTH EAST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Related Page(s): None

Subject: Request for TEA Homebound
Instruction Waiver

ACTION ITEM

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

North East Independent School District is seeking permission to request a waiver from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to provide homebound instruction through virtual means for students who meet eligibility criteria for participation in homebound instruction due to compromised immune systems and/or high risk for infection. Requirements for homebound instruction are provided in the TEA Student Attendance Accounting Handbook and include the requirement for face-to-face instruction to be provided by a certified teacher.

The Texas Education Agency allows districts to provide homebound instruction virtually with the approval of a waiver request. In addition to the waiver, schools are required to document consideration of the student's instructional needs, a determination that the virtual instruction will be provided in a manner consistent with state and federal law, and that all other provisions of homebound instruction will be met. This waiver is required for both Special Education and General Education homebound instruction.

The application for the Waiver Request has been prepared by the Division of Instruction and requires Board approval before it can be sent to the Agency.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

The waivers were approved by TEA last school year for approximately 30 students receiving virtual homebound services through Special Education or Section 504. We expect that the waiver request to requirements of Homebound Funding and Homebound Documentation Requirements in the Student Attendance Accounting Handbook (adopted annually through 19TAC§129.1025) will continue to be granted by TEA for students at risk for communicable diseases which limit the district's ability to provide access to a Free Appropriate Public Education.

BUDGETARY CONSIDERATION

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve as submitted the Virtual Homebound Instruction Waiver Request.

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

Approval/Disapproval