

Missed School Days

Districts or campuses can request a waiver for excused absences if instructional days are missed due to inclement weather, health, safety-related, or other issues. The first two days missed for any reason **must be made up**, using either designated makeup days or additional minutes. See *Student Attendance Accounting Handbook 3.8.1*. House Bill (HB) 2610, passed by the 84th Texas Legislature, effective for the 2015-2016 school year, amends Texas Education Code (TEC), §25.081, by adding (c) which allows a school district to add additional minutes to the end of the district's normal school hours as necessary to compensate for minutes of instruction lost due to school closure caused by disaster, flood, extreme weather conditions, fuel curtailment, or another calamity. If because of weather, safety, or health issues, your district misses additional instructional days **beyond the two days made up using built in or additional minutes or days**, your school district can apply to the TEA for a missed school day waiver.

Charter schools applying for a missed school day waiver must submit their applications as soon as possible after the missed school day so that Foundation School Program (FSP) System calendars can be updated and FSP System six-week report submissions are accurate.

See *Student Attendance Accounting Handbook 3.8.2 Closures for Bad Weather or Other Issues of Health or Safety* for more information.