

Texas Education Agency

State Waivers Unit

Application for Expedited and General State Waivers

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Textbook Waivers

A complete list of subjects eligible for waivers and the maximum costs allowed may be viewed at: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/textbooks/waivers/subjectsnobids.pdf>

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>

Disciplinary Alternative Education Programs Waiver

The waiver is subject to the conditions provided in the attached guide: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/Index4.aspx?id=1222>

Waiver Information

District name: Gonzales Independent School District		District/Campus #: 089901	Phone: (830) 672-9551	Fax: (830) 672-7159
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Superintendent: Dr. Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Kimberly Strozier

Printed Name

Signature

Board President: Dr. Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Glenn Menking

Printed Name

Signature

Date of board approval: 09/27/11

Board vote: for- against- abstain- absent-

Comments from appropriate Site-based Decision Making Committee:

The Gonzales ISD DEIC Committee desires to continue with the current student data disaggregation tool, Eduphoria Aware.

Evelyn Clark

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

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Textbook Waivers

Pursuant to TEC §7.056, this waiver allows school districts and open enrollment charter schools the opportunity to purchase instructional materials and obtain reimbursement up to the state maximum cost called for in a proclamation, for which no textbook was offered for consideration by publishers. (Please see instruction section)

Proclamations 1998, 1999 and 2000: Photojournalism, Astronomy; AP Environmental Science; IB Environmental Systems; and AP Human Geography

Requested years: 2011 - 2012 2012 - 2013 2013 - 2014

Proclamations 2001 and 2002: Business Education; Technology Education/Industrial Technology Education; Trade and Industrial Education; Languages Other Than English; and Fine Arts

Requested years: 2011 - 2012 2012 - 2013 2013 - 2014

Proclamation 2004: IB Mathematical Studies Subsidiary Level; IB Mathematical Methods Subsidiary Level; IB Mathematical Higher Level; and IB Advanced Mathematics Subsidiary Level

Requested years: 2011 - 2012 2012 - 2013 2013 - 2014

Proclamation 2010: Spanish Literature, Grade 6; IB Language Studies Standard Level; and IB Language Studies Higher Level

Requested years: 2011 - 2012 2012 - 2013 2013 - 2014

Foreign Exchange Student Waiver

Pursuant to TEC §25.001(e), this expedited waiver allows the district to limit the number of foreign exchange students to a number that is not less than five per high school. An application to limit the number to less than five per high school must be submitted as a general waiver. (Please see instruction section)

- create a financial or staffing hardship for the district;
- diminish the district's ability to provide high quality educational services for the district's domestic students; or
- require domestic students to compete with foreign exchange students for educational resources.

Number of students requested (per high school):

Requested years: 2011 - 2012 2012 - 2013 2013 - 2014

General Waivers

Questions 1 - 7 on page 4 are REQUIRED for all General Waivers

- Course requirement
- Course requirement (CTE)
- Pregnancy related services on-campus (CEHI)
- Electronic course program
- For foreign exchange student waiver, description must address the circumstances applicable to the district under TEC § Section 25.001(e) (1), (2), or (3). Please submit local policy with application. (Please see instruction section)
- Other (please specify): _____

Disciplinary Alternative Education Programs

Pursuant to TEC 37.008(g), this waiver allows the district to use more than 18% of the district's SCE allotment to provide supplemental services for disciplinary alternative education programs established under Section 37.008. The school district is required to state the reason for needing to exceed the 18% limit and to report the number of students in each grade level, by demographic subgroup, not making satisfactory progress under the state's assessment system. (Please see instruction section)

Percentage of district SCE allotment:

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1. Give a brief narrative description of the requested waiver.

Gonzales ISD would like to make use of the Eduphoria Aware system, which is in its second year of implementation within the district, in lieu of the Texas Assessment Management System (TAMS) as the the GISD teacher student data portal as teachers have been trained and can now easily access pertinent student data for the ultimate purpose of improving student achievement.

2. Does the district or campus plan reflect the need for this waiver? If yes, what is the specific objective impacted by the waiver?

Student data disaggregation, utilizing the Eduphoria Aware system, is currently contained in both campus and district improvement plans.

3. Cite the Texas Education Code or the Texas Administration Code that the district or campus wishes to waive?

TEC 32.258

4. Describe the plan to be implemented, if the waiver is granted.

Gonzales ISD teachers and administrators will continue to make use of the Eduphoria Aware system to obtain and disaggregate student data in order to continue in their efforts to elevate student achievement.

5. How will granting this waiver help achieve the district's or campus' objective?

This waiver will continue to give teachers/administrators the ability to use the Eduphoria Aware system, a tool which is presently in use in Gonzales ISD, in lieu of the Texas Assessment Management System (TAMS) in order to determine student strengths and weaknesses for the ultimate goal of overall student academic improvement.

6. Please explain how the school district or campus will evaluate the impact of the waiver towards meeting the district's or campus' goal.

Data gathered from benchmarks and actual mandated state assessment results will be collected, disaggregated, and utilized by district professionals in actualizing improvements in student achievement.

7. Please specify the school years for which the waiver is requested, to a maximum of three years.

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