



REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PARENT NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS AT RISK OF FAILURE WAIVER

Waiver for Parent Notice Requirements for Students At Risk of Failure

Texas Education Code, §28.006(c-1) and/or §28.006(c-2)

As announced in March, all State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) administrations scheduled for April, May, and June 2020 are cancelled. Student Success Initiative (SSI) promotion/retention requirements found in the Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.0211 are waived for the 2019–2020 school year. However, Texas school districts and open-enrollment charter schools are still required to provide early notice to parents or guardians of students in grades 4 and 7 identified to be at risk of failure on the first administration of an assessment required for grade advancement in the next school year. Under Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §101.2009, the superintendent must establish the instruments and procedures to be used to determine which students are at-risk. Given that the STAAR administrations for April, May, and June 2020 are cancelled, the at-risk determination will need to be made through means that do not involve state testing results from the current year. The current rule requires this notice to be issued before the end of a school year. If a district or charter school is not able to or does not have sufficient information to make a determination about a student's risk of failure at this time, the school district should request a waiver to delay the notice requirement from the Commissioner until the start of the 20-21 school year.

The Curriculum and Instruction Department is asking for a waiver to delay the notice requirement to parents or guardians of 4th and 7th grade students who are identified as being at- risk of failure on our approved assessment until the fall of 2020.

ECISD will be administering the NWEA Map test to our students starting Aug. 24th. Testing will be completed by Sept. 11th. At that time we will send parents or guardians the required at- risk notification.

Administrative Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the waiver for Parent Notice Requirements for Students At Risk of Failure