

**McKinney Independent School District**  
#1 Duvall Street, McKinney, Texas 75069

**To:** Board of Trustees  
**From:** Shawn Pratt, Superintendent  
**Subject:** Waivers Submitted to TEA  
**Date:** April 20, 2026

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The Texas Education Code allows school districts to submit certain waivers for approval on an annual or biannual basis. As we have in the past, we would like to submit the following waivers to align with current district practices:

- 1) Staff Development Minutes Waiver (26-27 School Year)  
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 2,100 minutes of student instruction for districts and charter schools that provide operational and instructional minutes.
- 2) Modified Schedule State Assessment Testing Days (26-27 School Year)  
This waiver allows the district or charter school to modify the schedule of classes for students who are not being tested to report to and attend school after the state assessment testing period has ended, therefore reducing the interruptions during testing period. Students who are not being tested must still meet the four-hour requirement for funding (see SAAH 3.6.6 Attendance Accounting during Testing Days).
- 3) Limit to the Number of Foreign Exchange Students (26-27 School Year & 27-28 School Year)  
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. We request a limit of five students per high school. Our reason is accepting an unlimited number could create a financial or staffing hardship for the district.

**Impact Statement:** Approval of these three waivers will align with existing practices and the adopted instructional calendar.

**It is Recommended:** The Board approve the specified waivers.

**Resource Person(s):** Jennifer Akins

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shawn Pratt  
Superintendent