

**Stephenville Independent School District  
Stephenville, Texas  
Application for Expedited and General State Waivers**

**Section 1: Please complete this section for all waivers.**

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**Section 2: Please complete this section for all waivers.**

Superintendent:  
☐ Dr. ☒ Mr. Matt Underwood \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ Name Signature  
Board President: Dr. Ann Calahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Signature

**Date Board Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Board Vote:** For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 3: Please complete this section for all waivers.**

**Comments of appropriate Site-Based Decision Making Committee:** There was a consensus of the

District SBDM Committee to apply for the waiver.

**SISD Board President Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 4:**

**✓ Teacher Data Portal of the Tx Assessment Management Sys.**

Stephenville ISD is requesting an expedited waiver from the Texas Education Agency to provide a local data portal that meets the requirements set out by TEC 32.258 as enacted by House Bill 3, 81<sup>st</sup> Legislature. This will provide teachers access to student assessment data through a local student data system.

✓ 2018-2019      ✓ 2019-2020      ✓ 2020-2021

**✓ Timeline for Accelerated Instruction**

Stephenville ISD is requesting a waiver to adjust the timeline for providing accelerated instruction to students who fail the third administration of the STAAR reading and or mathematics test in grades 5 and 8. The district will identify and document the intensive instruction needed, target this instruction where the student is weak and ensure that this instruction is completed in the first six weeks. The district will also develop an accelerated instruction plan that will provide the student with ongoing instructional support during the entire school year.

✓ 2018-2019      ✓ 2019-2020      ✓ 2020-2021

## ✓ **Staff Development-General**

This waiver allows the district to train staff on various educational strategies designed to improve student performance in lieu of a maximum of 2,100 minutes of student instruction. Each district may choose how to apply their approved Staff Development waiver minutes each year. Schools may choose to offer early release, late start, all day staff development or a combination. However, the total waiver minutes for staff development shall not exceed 2,100 minutes per year. On staff development days when students are in attendance part of the day, in order to receive full ADA funding, the district must provide at least 120 minutes of student instruction. In addition to the 120 minutes of student instruction, any staff development waiver minutes reported must reflect actual staff development minutes provided. Effective with the 2018-2019 school year, staff development waiver minutes may not be used prior to the first day of student instruction or after the last day of student instruction.

✓ 2018-2019      ✓ 2019-2020      ✓ 2020-2021

## ✓ **Low Attendance Days**

This waiver allows the district to excuse any instructional days from ADA and FSO funding calculations that have attendance at least 10 percentage points below the last school year's overall average attendance due to inclement weather, health, or safety issues. The district is including supporting documentation of low attendance for the day(s) requested and the prior year's attendance report showing the average for the year for the campus or district.

## ✓ **Modified Schedule/State Assessment Testing Days**

This waiver would allow the district 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 the testing period. Students who are not being tested must still meet the maximum 2 through 4 hour requirement for funding. ✓ 2018-2019      ✓ 2019-2020      ✓ 2020-2021