

WICHITA FALLS ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 15, 2021

Agenda Item:	Waiver for Homebound and Remote Instruction		
Administrator Responsible:	Peter Griffiths, Associate Superintendent Alefia Paris-Toulon, Director of Special Education		
Attachments:	No Attachments		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed	<input type="checkbox"/> Future Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation	<input type="checkbox"/> Report

Administrative Information:

The Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees give approval to submit a waiver to the Texas Education Agency for remote homebound instruction for one special education student and three Section 504 students as submitted by Alefia Paris-Toulon, Director of Special Services, and as recommended by Michael S. Kuhrt, Superintendent of Schools.

Explanation:

Under current TEA rules and policies, remote instruction that is not delivered through the Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN) is not eligible for state funding unless a waiver is submitted by the school district and approved by TEA.

Since the last Waiver Request in December, the district has 4 new Homebound placements that will require a waiver to the Texas Education Agency for remote homebound instruction. 1 student is in Special Education, and Homebound started on 2/9/21. There are 3 students in Section 504 that started remote homebound in January and are still being served. All 4 students have a recommendation from a Medical Doctor, and Homebound placement was recommended by either the ARD committee or 504 committee.

Due to the current health situation, no teachers/staff will enter the student homes, these students will be served virtually. This would be provided through “Google Hangout” via the Chromebook by the homebound teacher. The students have access to a Chromebook provided by the district.

When the student is in attendance via Google Hangout, with an approved waiver, they can be counted as “present” for their remote time of instruction and therefore eligible for state funding.

Fiscal Note:

There is no additional cost to the district to provide this instruction.