



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Emergency Item: Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Remote Conferencing Waivers with the Texas Education Agency

SUBMITTED BY: Emma Leza, Associate Superintendent for C&I

OF: Curriculum and Instruction Department

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: September 15, 2021

Recommendation:

EMERGENCY ITEM – The following agenda item is necessary due to an emergency or urgent public necessity that requires immediate action of the Board or an imminent threat to public health and safety or a reasonably unforeseeable situation, as follows:

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Remote Conferencing Waivers with Texas Education Agency.

The above item is necessary due to the necessity to immediately address COVID-19 related measures and budgetary expenditures, which are necessary for the health and well-being of UISD students.

Rationale:

Remote Conferencing is a new process to provide eligible students with a minimum of 20 school days in remote instruction. If any eligible student requires more than the 20 days approved by the Texas Education agency, United ISD must submit a waiver requesting an extension to the initial 20 days.

Budgetary Information:

Remote Conferencing as approved by the TEA, allows United ISD to claim average daily attendance for eligible students and to extend the number of days if the waiver is submitted and approved by the Texas Education Agency.

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:



Waivers TEMPLATE

2021-2022 Application for Other Waiver Waiver ID: 63245

Application Information

Category: General	Creator: Emma Leza, District Editor	Status: Draft
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Date of LEA Board of Trustees Approval

Date: September 15, 2021 for submittal of future Remote Conferencing Waivers during the fall semester (December 2021) to provide instruction past the first 20 days as approved in the SAAH

Special Instructions

This waiver allows districts and charter schools to request a waiver of a requirement, restriction, or prohibition imposed by the Texas Education Code (TEC) or rule of the board or commissioner, except as prohibited by TEC § 7.056 (e).

Waiver Description

Enter a brief waiver description:

To extend the 20 day remote conferencing time frame for medically fragile students and multiple (more than twice) COVID quarantines for families following the stay-at-home recommendations each time.

General Questions

- Give a brief narrative description of the requested waiver.

Waivers will be submitted for any students who:

 - a) meet the state's medically fragile definition with appropriate physician reports
 - b) meet the multiple close contact or COVID positive quarantine requirements as per district guidance and procedures.
- Does the district or campus plan reflect the need for this waiver? If yes, what is the specific objective impacted by the waiver?

United ISD's Safety Protocols Plan requires quarantine procedures for students who test positive for communicable diseases such as COVID. The specific objective is to reduce transmissibility of COVID due to the ongoing pandemic and prioritize the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff.
- Cite the section(s) of the Texas Education Code or the Texas Administrative Code that the district or campus wishes to waive.

Not Applicable, since we are following remote conferencing as per the SAAH

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

Students would continue to participate in remote conferencing based on their enrolled grade-level and district curriculum. If the waiver is granted, students would continue their participation in remote conferencing for more than 20 days and transition into in-person learning when applicable.

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

Since students would continue to receive daily instruction through remote conferencing, any learning gap would be minimized and addressed as soon as the students are able to return to in-person learning.

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

United ISD has created a comprehensive database system to collect information for eligible students, enroll students in remote conferencing, provide students with on grade-level and content area instruction, and measure the number of days students participate in the remote conferencing program. This system allows remote conferencing teachers/facilitators the ability to provide continuity for students to earn grades for daily assignments and periodic assessments. District and campus administrators continuously monitor the instruction to ensure parents and students are provided with progress and achievement feedback (progress reports and report cards).

Requested Years

2021-2022 school year

LEA Attachments (0)

There are no LEA attachments