



Extending the Start-of-School Transition Period

July 23, 2020

Texas Education Agency (TEA) [guidance](#) authorizes school districts as part of a start-of-year transition period, to restrict or limit on-campus instruction for up to the first four weeks of the District’s instructional calendar in compliance with TEA requirements. For the health and safety of students and staff, a district may extend the start-of-year transition period for up to another four weeks, thus extending the transition period for up to eight weeks from the beginning of the District’s instructional calendar. Any extension of the start-of-year transition period must be approved by the Board through specific vote and may not be delegated to the Superintendent.

The attached resolution may be used by districts that wish to extend their start-of-year transition period beyond the first four weeks of the District’s instructional calendar.

Resolution of the Board Extending Start-of-School Transition Period

WHEREAS, Texas Education Code 11.151 gives the Board of Trustees the exclusive power and duty to govern and oversee the management of the public schools of the District;

WHEREAS, the state and school districts continue to deal with the effects of COVID-19 in preparation for the start of the 2020–21 school year;

WHEREAS, Texas Education Agency (TEA) guidance authorizes school districts as part of a start-of-year transition period to restrict or limit on-campus instruction for up to the first four weeks of the District’s instructional calendar (start-of-year transition period) in compliance with TEA requirements;

WHEREAS, the TEA guidance further authorizes school districts, for the health and safety of students and staff, to extend the start-of-year transition period for up to another four weeks, thus extending the transition period for up to eight weeks from the beginning of the District’s instructional calendar;

WHEREAS, any extension of the start-of-year transition period must be approved by the Board through specific vote and may not be delegated to the Superintendent;

WHEREAS, the Board-approved waiver request that is submitted to TEA must include an indication as to the local public health conditions that the District believes would warrant a faster end to the transition period;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that for the 2020–21 school year, the Board of Trustees of _____ School District approves the following provision:

Due to the current COVID-19 local public health conditions in our community, the Board believes it is best for the health and safety of students and staff to continue to restrict on-campus instruction beyond the first four weeks of the District’s instructional calendar. Therefore, the District shall continue to limit access to on-campus instruction at District campuses through _____, 2020. Students who cannot participate in remote learning at home because of lack of broadband internet access or appropriate remote learning devices shall have access to on-campus instruction during this time.

The District shall use the following local public health indicators for _____ County to facilitate a safe, effective return to on-campus instruction for students, teachers, and staff:

- *[List the factors the District will consider when evaluating return to on-campus instruction, such as: a decline in weekly COVID-19 cases from the prior week, test positivity rate below 10%, decline in daily hospitalization numbers, adequate ICU capacity, etc.].*

The authority granted by this resolution shall only apply for the 2020–21 school year unless the Board takes further action.

Adopted this _____ (date) day of _____ (month), _____ (year), by the Board of Trustees.

Presiding Officer

Secretary