



26-27 Staff Development Minutes Waiver

2026–2027 School Year

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TEA Expedited Waiver (Texas Education Code §7.056) | 2026–2027

Purpose

Professional development in lieu of student instruction, focused on educational strategies designed to improve student performance.

Maximum

Up to 2,100 total waiver minutes. Minutes reported must reflect actual staff development provided.

Calendar

CHISD is a 5-day school week. Waiver minutes may be used only during the student instructional year.

Board Approval

The waiver request requires separate Board approval. The approved Board agenda is submitted with the TEA application.

TEA Conditions to Keep in View

- Staff development must be synchronous for staff at the same campus when waiver minutes are claimed.
- Exchange/trade or on-demand time is not eligible.
- High-quality staff development must be designed to impact student outcomes.

CHISD 2026–2027 Calendar Alignment

Staff development dates compared with the student instructional year

Student Instructional Year: August 12, 2026 – May 26, 2027

Staff Development Dates Within the Instructional Year

September 21, 2026 • November 6, 2026
February 15, 2027 • *March 29, 2027**

***Total of 1380 minutes (460 mins/day) – 3 days**

*Total of 1840 minutes (460 mins/day) - 4 days
(Bad Weather Make-up Day)

Outside TEA Waiver Window

August 4–6, 2026
Before first day of student instruction

May 27–28, 2027
After last day of student instruction

TEA Rule: Staff development waiver minutes may not be used before the first day or after the last day of student instruction.

Board Action Requested

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Approve submission to TEA for:

- 2026–2027 school year only
Five-day school week
Up to 2,100 staff development waiver minutes
Eligible synchronous professional development during the student instructional year
Actual minutes provided and reported in accordance with TEA requirements

TEA Application Record

Board approval date: 09/14/2026
School year: 2026–2027
Calendar type: 5-day week
School-system contact: entered in TEAL

Recommended Motion

“I move that the CHISD Board of Trustees approve the 2026–2027 Staff Development Minutes Waiver submission to TEA as presented.”



Questions?

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