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6/15/2026

**Subject:** Approve the Request for Texas Education Agency Application for State Waiver for Foreign Exchange Students

**Contact Person:** Dr. Shiela Shiver, Chief Academic Officer  
Dr. Kalee McMullen, Executive Director of Instructional Leadership  
Dr. Tiffany Cunningham, Director of Student Services

**Policy/Code:** Texas Education Code §25.001 (e)

**Priority and Performance Objective:** Priority : Student Achievement and Post-Secondary Readiness  
Objective : Student Involvement

**Summary:** Pursuant to Texas Education Code §25.001 (e), the Texas Education Agency (TEA) allows school districts to request a waiver to limit the number of foreign exchange students to a number that is five or more per high school. This waiver will be submitted for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years and will be submitted as an expedited waiver application to the agency with a limit of five per high school.

**Attachments:** GCISD Foreign Exchange Guidelines

**Recommendation:** The recommendation is for the Board of Trustees to approve the Expedited Waiver Request to limit the number of Foreign Exchange Students to five per high school campus and to abide by our GCISD Foreign Exchange program guidelines.