

# HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: May 18, 2026

Agenda Item: O.3

Board Goal: Student Achievement

Subject: Consideration and possible approval to seek a Waiver from the Texas Education Agency to provide Special Education Homebound Instruction

Administrator Responsible/Position: Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer  
Michelle Velasquez, Executive Officer of Special Programs  
Stephanie Norris, Director of Federal Programs and Grants

**A. Purpose of Agenda Item:**

Action needed

Information only

Receive input

**B. Authority for This Action:**

Local Policy:

Law or Rule

N/A

19 TEAC Section 129.1025

**C. Goal or Need Addressed:** The approval of this item will allow the district to seek a waiver from TEA to allow the affected student to generate attendance according to homebound funding provisions in the 2025-2026 Student Attendance Accounting Handbook

**D. Summary:**

Previous board action relating to this item: None

Future action anticipated: None

**Background information:** Remote homebound instruction means remote instruction in which a student receiving special education and related services with an instructional setting code of 01 -Homebound receives instruction through special education homebound instruction and in which all requirements related to special education homebound instruction are met except for in-person instruction from the homebound teacher. Instruction and related services will be provided via a video conferencing platform. TEA will only grant these waivers in extremely severe medical circumstances, and a waiver must be submitted for each individual student.

In accordance with the 2025-2026 Student Attendance Accounting Handbook (SAAH), a district may, with the approval of a waiver request, provide remote homebound instruction to a student receiving special education and related services and count the student in attendance for FSP funding purposes, including weighted funding purposes, provided that the following requirements are met:

- The student's ARD committee must have determined, in a manner consistent with state and federal law, that the remote homebound instruction to be provided meets the needs of the student.
- The ARD committee must have documented that determination in the student's IEP.
- All requirements related to the provision of special education homebound instruction must be met except for face-to-face instruction from the homebound teacher.

Hays CISD staff have held the required ARD Committee meeting and determined that Remote Homebound Instruction is necessary to meet the health and special education related needs of a Hays CISD student with severe medical circumstances. The student is expected to be confined to the home for more than 4 weeks.

**E. Comments Received:**

Cabinet

DLT

FBOC

Teacher Org. Reps.

Other:

- F. Administrative Recommendation:** Administration recommends that the Board approve the request for waiver
- Advantages and benefits of this proposal:** This waiver will allow the student to receive education services in a manner that meets their health-related needs and allows those services to generate eligible present days in accordance with the 2025-2026 Student Attendance Accounting Handbook
- Expected results in terms of student benefit/achievement:** The student will have the opportunity to continue to receive special education instruction and related services in accordance with their IEP and the recommendations of their physician.
- Effect of this action on other parts of the system:** None anticipated
- Consequences of not approving this recommendation:** The district will not be able to seek a waiver request.
- G. Fiscal Impact and Cost:** N/A
- H. Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:**
- Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action:** Marivel Sedillo, Michelle Velasquez
- Evaluation method and timeline:** The waiver will be submitted to the TEA following board approval. Student will receive Homebound services per the IEP and make progress on their IEP goals.
- Next report to the Board:** As-requested
- I. Suggested Motion:**
- I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the request to seek a waiver from the Texas Education Agency for special education homebound instruction, as presented.