



**SY 2021-2022 Waivers  
FAQ  
March 29, 2022**

This document describes answers to questions LEAs may have when considering changes to district or campus operations due to COVID-19.

**1. Will TEA be granting missed school day waivers if my schools are closed for on-campus instruction due to COVID-19?**

The agency has no plans to issue missed school day waivers due to COVID-19 during the 2021– 2022 school year to LEAs when the district or campuses are closed. LEAs should plan to make uptime for school closures during the school year and may need to add additional instructional days and/or minutes to their calendar to meet the 75,600 operational minute requirement.

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**2. Will TEA be granting low attendance waivers if my schools or district experienced low attendance due to COVID-19?**

Low attendance waivers due to COVID-19 will not be granted for the first four six-week reporting periods of the 2021-2022 school year. However, because LEAs have reported to TEA that attendance rates have declined due to COVID-19, the agency is implementing an adjustment to operational minutes to address attendance issues caused by COVID-19 during this time period. Please see the [TAA](#) issued on March 29, 2022 (which replaces a prior TAA from Nov 11, 2021). The adjustment ensures stabilized percentage attendance rates comparable to a more typical school year for each school district or open-enrollment charter school. A school district or open-enrollment charter school will receive the greater of their actual percentage attendance rate earned for the first four six-week attendance reporting periods, or funding based on the target percentage attendance rates resulting from this adjustment.

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**3. How will the operational minutes adjustment work?**

Please see the [TAA](#) issued on March 29, 2022.

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**4. Will my district have to apply for this operational minutes adjustment?**

No application is necessary. All LEAs will automatically be granted this adjustment of operational minutes for the first four six-week attendance reporting periods.

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**5. How is the target percentage attendance rate calculated?**

Please see the [TAA](#) issued on March 29, 2022.

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**6. With the target percentage attendance rate known, how is the ADA adjustment calculated?**

Below is a sample calculation of the adjustment of operational minutes:

Six-Week Attendance Reporting Period	1st-4th Avg	5th	6th	Final/Avg
<b>Actual Average Daily Attendance (ADA)</b>	1,605.00	1,660.00	1,642.00	1,620.33
<b>Actual Percentage Attendance Rate*</b>	89.86%	92.00%	92.50%	
<b>Target Percentage Attendance Rate</b>	92.5%	NA	NA	
<b>ADA Reflecting Adjusted Operational Minutes**</b>	1,652.21	1,660.00	1,642.00	1,651.80

\*Average Percentage Attendance Rate will be weighted by the number of ADA in each of the first four six-week attendance reporting periods.

\*\*In this example, the final average ADA calculation reflects that the counts in the 1st-4th Avg column represent four six-week attendance reporting periods.

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**7. Will TEA be granting low attendance waivers if my schools or district experienced low attendance for reasons other than COVID-19 during the first four six-week reporting periods or for weather, health or safety-related issues during the fifth and sixth six-week reporting period?**

Again, low attendance waivers will not be granted during the first four six-week attendance reporting periods. However, for the remainder of the school year, LEAs can request a waiver for low attendance to excuse instructional days from ADA and FSP funding calculations that have attendance at least 10 percentage points below the last school year's overall average attendance, for the district or applicable campus due to inclement weather, health, or safety-related issues. See *Student Attendance Accounting Handbook* 3.8.1.4. The low attendance waiver will re-open in April.

*Note that minute waivers are subject to a 4,200 minute cap. This cap is inclusive of minutes missed school days, low attendance, and staff development waivers.*