

DATE:	January 9, 2020
SUBJECT:	Full-Day Prekindergarten Waiver
CATEGORY:	Early Childhood Education
NEXT STEPS:	Share with appropriate early childhood staff working with prekindergarten programs.

House Bill (HB) 3 requires school districts and open-enrollment charters to provide a full-day prekindergarten program to eligible four-year-old children. The commissioner shall exempt a district or open-enrollment charter school if the implementation of a full day program would require the district or charter school to construct classroom facilities or result in fewer eligible children enrolled in prekindergarten. Full-day prekindergarten waivers are due by **March 2, 2020**. The agency will review and approve/deny waivers within 30 days of receipt.

Pursuant to the Texas Education Code (TEC) §29.153(d-1), a district or charter school may only receive an exemption if it has solicited and considered at a public meeting a proposal(s) for partnerships with public or private entities regarding prekindergarten classes. A decision of the board of trustees or governing board regarding a partnership is final. An exemption may be granted for a period of up to three school years and may be renewed once. Districts or charter schools must ensure that they adhere to the [Full-day Prekindergarten Exemption Process](#) when applying for a waiver.

Now Available: Full Day Prekindergarten Waiver

Districts and charter schools may access the full day prekindergarten waiver in the [TEAL](#) waiver application and find information on the State Waivers Unit page, https://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Schools/Waivers/State_Waivers.

The following information will be on the waiver for the district or charter school (LEA) to provide to TEA:

- LEA contact name, phone, and email
- Date of LEA Board Meeting
- Exemption Condition
- Date of Public Meeting
- Did your LEA solicit partnership opportunities? Yes/No
- Did your LEA receive proposals for partnerships? Yes/No
- Did your LEA consider the proposals for the partnership it received? Yes/No
 - If yes, type of partnership and number of solicitations received

Type	Number of Solicitations
Texas Rising Star 3 or 4 Star Certification	
Nationally Accredited	

Head Start	
Texas School Ready	
Met the requirements of TEC §29.1532	
Other	

Requested Years:

- 2019-2020
- 2020-2021
- 2021-2022

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Questions

If you have any questions related to this letter regarding full day prekindergarten waivers under HB 3, please contact the Division of Early Childhood by email at earlychildhoodeducation@tea.texas.gov or email HB3info@tea.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

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