

Question – If a district has more than five staff development day waivers, can it participate in the OFYP?

Answer – No. A school district must provide at least 180 days of instruction to those students who meet the eligibility criteria. A school calendar with 177 days of instruction plus 3 staff development waivers does not meet the 180-day requirement.

Question – If a district participates in the OFYP, is the district required to retain all educational support personnel for the purpose of the OFYP?

Answer – Yes. Each educator employed under a ten-month contract must provide the minimum days of service required under the Texas Education Code, §21.401, not withstanding the reduction in the number of instructional days or in the number of staff development days.

Funding

Question – Does a school district lose funding for those students that do not attend the full 180 days instruction?

Answer – No. For a school district that operates an OFYP, the calculation of average daily attendance is modified to reflect the approved instructional calendar. For students placed on a reduced instructional calendar, the reported number of days of instruction used as the divisor in calculating average daily attendance shall reflect the reduced number of days (no fewer than 170). For eligible students served through the OFYP, the reported number of days of instruction used as the divisor in calculating average daily attendance shall reflect the scheduled number of days (180 or more) in which instruction took place.

Calendar

Question – Can an OFYP instructional day be scheduled on the same day as an early release day?

Answer -- No. Per the Student Attendance Accounting Handbook (SAAH), Section 11.7.2, a district or charter school may not schedule an OFYP instructional day on an early release day.

Question – Can an OFYP instructional day be scheduled on the same day as a scheduled makeup day?

Answer -- No, Per the SAAH, Section 11.7.2, a district or charter school may not schedule an OFYP instructional day on a scheduled makeup day.