

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>February 27, 2020</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Extension: Full-Day Prekindergarten Waiver</b>
<b>CATEGORY:</b>	<b>Early Childhood Education</b>
<b>NEXT STEPS:</b>	<b>Submit Full-Day Prekindergarten Waiver (If Needed) by April 6, 2020</b>

The full-day prekindergarten waiver deadline has been extended to **April 6, 2020**.

House Bill (HB) 3, 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, 2019, requires school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to provide a full-day prekindergarten program to eligible four-year-old children, if the conditions described in Texas Education Code (TEC), §29.153(a) and (c) apply. 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. A TAA Correspondence Letter was released on January 9, 2020 regarding the [full-day prekindergarten waiver](#) and the [Full-day Prekindergarten Exemption Process](#) when applying for a waiver.

### **EXTENSION: Full-Day Prekindergarten Waiver**

The April 6, 2020 extension applies to:

- Districts or charter schools with prekindergarten programs that are not providing statutorily required, full-day prekindergarten to their eligible four-year-old students as of September 1, 2019
- Districts or charter schools that have not submitted a full-day prekindergarten waiver to be in compliance with TEC, §29.153(d-1)

Districts or charter schools that do not meet the **April 6, 2020** deadline to apply for an exemption **will not be eligible for a full-day prekindergarten waiver renewal** (up to 3 years). Furthermore, districts and charter schools that have not received an exemption and have failed to comply with the requirements of TEC, §29.153(a) and (c), will be subject to a corrective action plan, as well as additional, possible consequences pursuant to TEC, §39.057, and TEC, Chapter 39A.

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](https://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Schools/Waivers/State_Waivers).

Districts or charter schools that haven't already submitted a full-day prekindergarten waiver and need one to comply with the requirements of TEC, §29.153(a) and (c), must submit by **April 6, 2020**.

### **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](mailto:earlychildhoodeducation@tea.texas.gov) or email [HB3info@tea.texas.gov](mailto:HB3info@tea.texas.gov).

Sincerely,

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