



SDMC Meeting Agenda 05/23/2023

Custom Waivers for the 2023/24 School Year

School Start Times

Spring Final Exam Exemptions

The custom waiver listed below for SY 2022 - 2023 has been approved.

Waiver	Requesting School	Waiver Description	Approval Status
General Waiver #4 School Guidelines	DeBakey	Final Exam Exemption – Non AP courses To incentivize the daily attendance rate and academic performance in non-AP courses, eligible students in grades 9-12 students may be allowed to exempt ALL Spring Semester final exams. To be exempt from final examinations, students must have: • 90 average or better in course • S or E conduct average • No more than three total excused absences, not including ADA exemptions Students must maintain criteria through the last day of school to remain eligible. This waiver will incentivize students to improve academic performance in all classes, as well as attendance. Comments: Currently students in grade 9 may only exempt from one course, while grades 10-11 can exempt one and seniors may exempt all.	Approved

The custom waiver listed below for SY 2022 - 2023 has been approved.

Waiver	Requesting School	Waiver Description	Approval Status
	DeBakey	High School-Modified Schedule/Start and Dismissal Times This waiver is to allow the school to have alternative start and end times to the school day to accommodate our unique health science program on our campus. The school will be responsible for any possible additional cost of transportation that is incurred by this waiver. It will also be the responsibility of the school to notify parents of the altered schedule change brought about by this waiver. Our school day begins at 7:45 and ends at 3:30 to accommodate the three hours health science spent each day in hospital rotations as well as to meet all district and state curriculum requirements simultaneously. This schedule has been in place to accommodate the Texas Medical Center medical institutions work schedule. The extended day more than meets the state required hours. Comments: This maintains our current schedule instead of HISD 8:30 – 4:15 high school schedule.	Approved