

GALENA PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

4. Minimum Minutes of Instruction

(EC LEGAL & EB LEGAL) (TEC 25.081)

Currently

House Bill 2610, passed by the 84th Texas Legislature, amends the Texas Education Code (TEC) §25.081, by striking language requiring 180 days of instruction and replacing with language requiring districts and charter schools to provide at least 75,600 minutes of instruction (including intermissions and recess). The bill also allows school districts and charter schools to add minutes as necessary to compensate for minutes of instruction lost due to school closures caused by disasters, flood, extreme weather conditions, fuel curtailment, or other reasons.

Proposed

To best serve the Galena Park ISD community, the exemption from TEC 25.081 would allow our Superintendent or designee to determine whether to amend our District calendar to make up lost instructional time.

Rationale

The proposed exemption from TEC 25.081 will allow Galena Park ISD to avoid submitting waiver requests to TEA in cases of unforeseen changes to school calendar, and will further allow Galena Park ISD to adjust school day schedules to better meet the instructional needs of students

6. Designation of Campus Behavior Coordinator

(FO LEGAL) (TEC 37.0012)

Currently

Senate Bill 107 requires the designation of a Campus Behavior Coordinator on each campus. This person is responsible for maintaining student discipline and the implementation of Chapter 37, Subchapter A.

7. Exemptions from Future TEC Mandates

To best serve our local Galena Park ISD community, staff, and students, Galena Park ISD includes a provision in our Local Innovation Plan for the District to maintain control over any future, eligible Texas Education Code mandates, which may be exempted by a 2/3 majority vote of the Galena Park ISD Board of Trustees.