



# WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting:  
Place:  
Location:  
Date:  
Time:

Public Hearing  
WISD Board Room  
319 W. Fourth Street  
August 13, 2018  
5:40 P.M

## MINUTES

- I. The Public Hearing was called to order by Erasmo Lopez, Board President.
- II. A quorum was established. The following board members were present:

Erasmo Lopez, President  
Oscar Caballero, Vice President  
Isidoro Nieto, Secretary  
Andrew Gonzalez, Trustee  
Patrick Kennedy, Trustee  
Dr. Richard Rivera, Trustee

*Dr. Jaime Rodriguez was absent.*

- III. Public Hearing on the Optional Flexible School Day Program

Mrs. Sue Peterson, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education and Leadership, presented on the Optional Flexible School Day Program. The Texas Education Agency requires the Board of Trustees to hold a public hearing to discuss this opportunity for students who cannot meet the traditional school setting and need a modified schedule.



### Weslaco ISD Optional Flexible School Day Program

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**August 13, 2018**  
**WESLACO ISD BOARDROOM**

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Priscilla Canales Ph.D., Superintendent

Sue Peterson, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education and Leadership  
Norma Brewer, Student Support Services/State Compensatory Director  
Raul Cantu Ph. D., Student Support Services Coordinator

Weslaco ISD has participated in the Optional Flexible School Day Program since 2010-2011.



## History of OFSDP

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The OFSDP was authorized in House Bill (HB) 1 by the 79th Legislature, Third Called Session, 2006, and became effective **May 26, 2006**. HB 1297 and HB 3646, 81st Legislature, 2009, modified program provisions to increase the number of students eligible for participation in OFSDPs, effective September 1, 2009.

*Weslaco ISD started participating in the program in 2010-2011. (8 years)*



## Optional Flexible School Day Program

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The Texas Education Agency offers school districts the opportunity to offer a program that will offer flexible hours and days of attendance for a student who:

- Has dropped out of school,
- Is at risk of dropping out, or
- Will be denied credit for one or more classes in which the student has been enrolled as a result of attendance requirements under the Texas Education Code (TEC) §25.092.



## Program Goals

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- Improve graduation rates
- Reduce dropout rate



## Optional Flexible School Day Program

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- Students participating in an optional flexible school day program may attend school on a fixed or flexible schedule that does not meet the traditional 180-day, 5 days-per-week requirement.
- It provides an alternate method of attendance accounting.
- A student must receive instruction in the optional flexible school day program for at least 45 minutes on a given day for instructional contact time to be recorded.
- Students must take STAAR during the regularly scheduled assessment calendar.
- A student enrolled in this type of program may participate in UIL if they meet UIL eligibility criteria.

- Most of the participants are over age students who are trying to graduate from high school.



## Application Process

- The district must submit an annual application to Texas Education Agency (TEA) and request approval for participation.
- A public hearing must be held to discuss the proposed program.
- If approved by the school board, then an application will be submitted to TEA.

The chart below list the number of students from each high school that participated in the 2017-2018 school year as well as the number of slots requested for the coming school year. No slots are being requested for Early College High School as these students take dual enrollment classes and must be present at school on a daily basis.



## 2017-2018 Student Participation

WHS	WEHS	SPGHS
28 Participated	9 Participated	7 Participated
TAKS/STAAR Remediation & Credit Recovery	TAKS/STAAR Remediation & Credit Recovery	TAKS/STAAR Remediation & Credit Recovery
Requesting 50 slots	Requesting 50 slots	Requesting 25 slots



## 2017-2018 Student Graduates

WHS	WEHS	SPGHS
3	2	2
7 WISD Graduates		

Seven (7) students graduated through the Optional Flexible School Day Program for the 2017-2018 school year. These students would not have graduated from high school without this option.

Mr. Nieto wanted to know how many of last year's participants would be returning to the program.

Staff will not know how many students are returning until they start the leaver recovery process at which time they will review the list of leavers and identify the students who left during the school year and did not finish. They will follow up with the students who participated in the program last year and encourage them to return to the program this coming year. Mrs. Peterson shared that the state tracks the district's five-year completion rate.

The board members were in support of this program because it provides students the opportunity to attend classes on a flexible schedule and graduate from high school.

The Board President asked staff not give up on these students.

#### IV. Public Comments on the Optional Flexible School Day Program Report

No one addressed the Board with questions or concerns.

#### V. Adjournment

The Public Hearing adjourned at 5:45 p.m.