

Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP)

Texas Education Code (TEC) and Texas Administrative Code (TAC) References: TEC, §29.0822; 19 TAC §129.1027

History/Relevant Background Information: 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.

Description of Program: The OFSDP allows districts or open-enrollment charter schools to offer alternative attendance programs that provide flexible hours and days of attendance for students in any grade who meet one of the following criteria:

- The student has dropped out of school or is at risk of dropping out.
- The student participates in an approved early college high school plan.
- The student attends a campus implementing an innovative redesign under a plan approved by the commissioner of education.
- The student will be denied credit for one or more classes in which the student has been enrolled as a result of attendance requirements under the TEC, §25.092.

The goal of the program is to improve graduation rates for students who are in danger of dropping out of school or have dropped out or who are behind in core subject courses. Program attendance funding is based on minutes of attendance (minimum of 45 minutes to generate funding).

To participate in the OFSDP, a district or charter school must submit an annual application that provides a detailed description of the proposed program to the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

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