

Foreign Exchange Student Waiver Frequently Asked Questions

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1. Can a district request a waiver to limit the number of foreign exchange students (FES) admitted to the district?

The district can request a waiver, per Texas Education Code (TEC), §25.001(e), to limit the number of FES it admits to the district.

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2. What criteria can be used to limit the number of FES?

According to TEC, §25.001(e), the district may only limit the number of FES if the commissioner determines that the admission of an FES would:

- 1) create a financial or staffing hardship for the district;

