

Flex Calendar FAQs

1. If my child qualifies for the attendance exemption can they still attend school during those days?

- *We will have programs for students whose circumstances require them to attend school even though they aren't required to be here. During Tier I they will attend classes with the students who did not meet the criteria. During Tier II, we will develop alternative programs for students who are exempt from attendance but who must attend school anyway.*

2. Will a student attending Tier II be required to stay the entire six days?

- *Yes. The student is required to attend the entire Tier II program of six days.*

3. Will the school have transportation and cafeteria services during the Flex days?

- *Yes. The state requires us to operate both during the Flex calendar.*

4. How will teachers be utilized during the flex days?

- *All VAISD teachers will participate in our intense instructional program during the flex days. During Tier II we will divide the staff into two teams. One team will provide instruction during the morning while the other team is participating in professional development activities. We will then flip flop the teams in the afternoon. Because we are providing programs for students who are exempt from attendance, some teachers will be required to supervise those programs.*

5. What happens if a student doesn't attend school during Tier I or Tier II?

- *Students who do not attend school during their assigned time are considered truant. The school will follow the same attendance guidelines for students during the flex days as we do for students during the regular school days.*

6. If a student passes the grade level or course but wishes to attend Tier II as an attempt to raise a passing grade, may the student do so?

- *No. Because Tier II is designed for intensive remediation, only students who have qualified for TIER II instruction may attend.*

7. Can a student's grade be changed at the end of Tier II?

- *Yes. Students who are placed in Tier II for failing a course may have the opportunity to bring their grade up to passing standards.*

8. Will special education students be under the same promotional guidelines as regular education students?

- *Students who receive special education services will be under the same promotional standards as outlined for all students under the Tier II – III guidelines. The exception to this applies to students who are enrolled in self-contained classes as their educational program requires consistent intervention. These students still have to meet the promotion and passing standards set by the student's IEP and ARD committee.*

9. If a student is a "strong student" – they make good grades and have passed state assessments in the past and, on their TAKS testing date, they are absent and cannot test, does this student have to attend OFYP?

- *In this scenario, no, that student would not have to attend OFYP, despite "not passing" the TAKS test because they were absent. Each special case should be considered on an individual basis and reviewed by the Student Support Team on that campus to determine what is most appropriate for that student. Also, in this case remember that OFYP is designed for students who are at-risk and this student does not appear to meet the criteria.*

10. How and when will parents be notified that students need to attend Tier II?

- *A letter will developed for campuses to use in notifying parents. Principals should distribute these letters as soon - and often - as state assessment data, and other forms of student progress, is received on the campus. The school usually receives the latest TAKS performance data in mid-May.*

11. What about grade levels where there is no TAKS test (K-2)?

- *The district will use other testing measures (TPRI, AIMS Web, etc...) as the testing criteria for these grade levels.*