

INFORMATION ITEM

July 16, 2018

TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED (TAA):

Subject: Minutes of Operation—Updates to House Bill (HB) 2442 for Half-Day Prekindergarten Programs

The Student Attendance Accounting Handbook (SAAH) for 2018-2019 has been updated and is [now available online](#). A change to the 2019-2020 SAAH will be adopted to include breakfast and lunch as part of instructional time for half-day prekindergarten programs.

Listed below is the significant update for the 2018-2019 school year:

The following guidance applies to the 2018-2019 school year for half-day prekindergarten programs:

- To receive full one-half Average Daily Attendance (ADA) funding for half-day prekindergarten programs, school districts and open-enrollment charter schools must provide 32,400 instructional minutes along with any applicable waivers.
- The 2-through-4-hour rule includes recess and breakfast or lunch for prekindergarten only. For funding purposes, instructional time for prekindergarten programs includes recess and breakfast or lunch.

Waivers will be automatically granted, pursuant to Texas Education Code §42.005(n), to half-day prekindergarten programs for breakfast and lunch to be included as instructional time for the 2018-2019 school year. School districts and open-enrollment charter schools do not need to apply for these automatic waivers.

Please feel free to contact me for further information at earlychildhoodeducation@tea.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

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