

Connecticut State Department of Education
COVID-19 Waiver Application Form:
180-Day School Year Requirement

As part of the basic educational requirements in Connecticut, each school district must make a minimum of 180 school days available to students each school year. The Connecticut State Board of Education may grant waivers to school districts, in cases of unavoidable emergency.

COVID-19 Waiver forms for the 180-Day School Year Requirement must be submitted to the Commissioner of Education. Districts must provide the following documents for the Connecticut State Board of Education (CSBE) to consider a request. All requests are subject to the final approval of the CSBE.

1. Completed COVID-19 Waiver Application Form.
2. Written correspondence signed by the Superintendent and school district board chairperson requesting the waiver. The written request must identify/provide:
 - a. **Distance Learning:** District must provide a signed statement attesting that the district has considered all risks and factors, and is complying with, applicable state and federal laws and policies, including but not limited to employment laws, collective bargaining agreements, and special education. The Connecticut State Department of Education and CSBE rely upon the districts to consider and implement their distance learning plans and do not require submission of the planning documents. *The consideration of a waiver of days using distance learning as a factor is limited to the present circumstances of the current COVID-19 concerns for the 2019-2020 School year.*
 - b. **School Closure and No Distance Learning in Lieu of Onsite Schooling:** In the case of a closure without “distance learning” and the inability to meet 180 school days, a statement attesting that the district has exhausted all opportunities to provide 180 days of school, including extension of the school year to June 30, 2020.
3. If decision is been made to move forward with closure, it is advisable to supplement the application with written confirmation from the local public health director or district health department director that they recommend/ed closure of the school or school(s).

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Submit completed Connecticut COVID-19 Waiver Application Form and related attestations via email, to the previously provided Superintendents only e-mail address.

School District	
Superintendent	
Person submitting application (name & title)	
Email	
Phone	
Mailing Address	

1.	Number of waiver days requested per school year:	School Year(s)	
		Number of Days	
2.	Which schools or grades does this waiver request include?	<input type="checkbox"/> All schools and grades within school district <input type="checkbox"/> Specific grade levels and/or schools (please list): 	