



SALADO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardian:

Salado ISD is approved by the Texas Education Agency as a provider for the Optional Flex Year Program (OFYP). The District Site Based Decision Making committee (SBDM) has endorsed and recommended this calendar. The 2010-2011 calendar approved by the Board provides 170 days of instruction for students who meet the criteria and 180 days of instruction for students who fall into the at-risk category.

The Board of Trustees and school staff believe that the OFYP gives the opportunity for educators to meet the unique needs of struggling students that are beyond what a traditional school calendar allows.

The Salado ISD OFYP will provide for individual educational plans for every child qualifying for OFYP. Students will be assigned to the program based on the following criteria:

1. Failure to achieve a passing score in any subject tested by the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) on the first administration in grades 3-11.
2. Failure for a K-2 student to meet the criteria for placement in Tier 2 of the TPRI End of Year Assessment.
3. Students will be evaluated through the use of benchmark testing and failing semester grades for English/Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies.
4. Students who do not meet the minimum 90% attendance requirement.
5. A student who might not otherwise be promoted to the next grade level as set forth in SISD policy.
6. Principal Discretion

These criteria will allow teachers to work with small groups of students on a more individual basis to help close achievement gaps. Our goal is to develop an OFYP that will allow intense instruction to increase student performance. Strategies implemented include team teaching, increased use of manipulatives, other hands-on techniques, and a data driven curriculum designed to target individual student needs.

Sincerely,

Billy Wiggins

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Superintendent of Schools
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