

Advocacy Resolution

Please note:

- Your district may propose a new Advocacy Resolution or an amendment of a resolution adopted by a previous Delegate Assembly for the current legislative biennium.
- Express each proposal as a short, simple sentence of 25 words or less stating TASB's desired position regarding a matter of interest to school districts throughout Texas. Use copies of this form if submitting more than one position or amendment.
- Express in paragraph form your district's rationale for the proposal in the Statement of Reasons blank below.
- The language of the proposal and rationale will be edited for length, style, clarity, and factual accuracy. Substantive changes in the language of the proposed resolution or amendment shall be referred to the district for approval by a board officer.

Similar submissions will be combined, with the consent of the submitting districts. Each district will then appear as a cosponsor of the combined proposal.

Proposed resolution: TASB shall (support, oppose) support the incorporation of science and math credit from elective and vocational courses when the school is not in a block or modified block schedule. (24 words)

Statement of reasons: For academic and financial reasons many school districts went away from the block schedule format before the implementation of the 4x4 course requirements. The districts often saw improved academic performance because the core content classes received close to a month of additional instructional time and the classes met on a daily basis.

Significant financial savings were seen as well with a reduction in staff and more efficient use of school facilities when schools move from block scheduling to a seven period day. However, the 4x4 course requirements as currently established will force many districts to move to a block schedule in order for students to take all of the elective courses they need to be a well rounded student. Many elective courses provide practical and meaningful applications of science and math and language arts concepts. It would benefit students who take these courses to receive core content credit. Just applying one core content credit to an applied course would make all of the difference in the world.

Midlothian ISD would need to increase the staff at an increased cost of over \$700,000 to move back to a block schedule.

I hereby certify that the above proposed resolution was approved by our board on June 23, 2008.

Board President's Signature: 

Name of school district: Midlothian Independent School District

County District Number: 070908

Please return your board's proposed resolution(s) by July 1, 2008, to the following address:

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