2016-2017
OPTIONAL FLEXIBLE SCHOOL DAY PROGRAM (FSD)

Seguin High School
Mercer-Blumberg Learning Center

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Optional Flexible School Day (OFSD)

- OFSDP is a program that provides flexible hours and days of attendance for students in grades 9-12 who meet one of the following criteria:
  - has dropped out of school or is at risk of dropping out
  - participates in an approved early college high school plan
  - attends a campus implementing an innovative redesign under a plan approved by the commissioner of education
  - will be denied credit for one or more classes in which the student has been enrolled as a result of attendance requirements under the Texas Education Code, §25.092.
Program Design

- Students participating in an OFSDP may attend on a fixed or flexible schedule that does not meet the traditional 180-day, 5-days-per-week requirement.

- Typical OFSDP instructional arrangements include:
  - Weekend or night classes
  - Extended day classes
  - Classes offered throughout the year
  - Flexible schedules
  - Credit recovery classes
OFSD Students

- The program is designed to target students who are unable to attend school in a traditional setting.
- This could include:
  - Students who must seek employment to support their families.
  - Students who must provide child care during traditional school hours.
  - Students who have a documented history of being unable to succeed in a full day or large school setting (e.g., Medical/Behavioral).
  - Students who have dropped out and wish to return to school in a nontraditional setting.
OFSD Attendance

- The traditional attendance rule requiring students to receive instruction for a minimum of four hours per day for full-time funding does not apply to students who earn attendance through the OFSD.

- Funding is based on the total eligible minutes of instructional contact time each student receives. A student must receive instruction in the OFSD at least 45 minutes on a given day for instructional contact time to be recorded.
Optional Flexible School Day Requirements

- To participate in the OFSDP, Seguin ISD must submit an annual application notifying the Texas Education Agency (TEA) that it plans to participate.
- The application requires the following information:
  - implementation plan description
  - staff plans
  - schedules
  - student attendance accounting security procedures and documentation
Seguin Academy for Virtual Education (SAVE)

- Will bring all existing Credit Recovery Programs under one program in the current Freshman Center Computer Labs.
- Begin with a cohort of 25 students who have been identified as demonstrating the need.
- Repurpose two existing staff positions at SHS to serve as teachers in the program.
- All students entering the program must have an application on file demonstrating the need and may be required to complete an interview process.