



## **Public School Waiver Request**

<b>District:</b>	<b>Wynne School District</b>
<b>LEA Number:</b>	1905-000
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<b>Date Received by DESE:</b>	

**The following documents must be submitted with the waiver request:**

- 1. Board resolution approving the waiver request**
- 2. Evidence of stakeholder involvement, including teachers and student families**

- The Board Resolution is included.
- Stakeholder's evidence is included.

## Waiver Request #1

<b>Topic:</b>	School Start Date
<b>Standards/Statutes/Rules:</b>	A.C.A 6-10-106
<b>Duration Requested:</b>	5 Years
<b>Name of Open-Enrollment Charter Holding the Waiver</b>	Arkansas Virtual Academy
<b>Schools, Grades or Classes the Wavier Will Apply To</b>	K-12
<b>PURPOSE OF THE WAIVER (Must check at least one)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance Student Learning Opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> Promote Innovation <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Equitable Access to Effective Teachers

- 1. Provide a DETAILED RATIONALE explaining how the waiver will enhance student learning opportunities, promote innovation, or increase equitable access to effective teachers. Include information about the problem or obstacle, if any, the waiver will help the district overcome.**

The waiver of the start date will allow the Wynne School District to start on August 1, 2024. The five-year request would cause the number of early start days to range from 9-12 school days over the five-year request period.

The rationale for the waiver includes benefits to students that include increasing the number of days of instruction prior to testing. This will also allow students the opportunity for multiple exposures to complex or difficult academic content, thus helping ensure retention of essential grade level standards prior to summative testing. It will lead to more efficient skill recoupment following the summer break allowing new learning to initiated earlier in the school year.

- 2. Provide a detailed explanation of how the services being waived will be provided for students.**

No services will be waived as a result of this request. Students will attend 178 days. Teachers will be contracted for 190 days.

- 3. Provide a detailed explanation of how the district will monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the waiver.**

The district will compare grades for the first quarter to grades of the first quarter in the prior year. Scores on interim assessments will also be compared.

24-25 - 12 days (8-1) (Thursday)

25-26 - 10 days (8-4) (Monday)

26-27 - 10 days (8-3) (Monday)

27-28 - 10 days (8-2) (Monday)

28-27 - 9 days (8-1) (Tuesday)

Wynne Public Schools surveyed our students, staff, and parents as well as held 2 community meetings for feedback on our school calendar and having the ability to have an early start date of August 1st unless the first fell on a Friday or weekend.

**RESOLUTION**  
**A.C.A. § 6-10-106**

Whereas the Wynne School District Board of Directors met in a regular, open, and properly-called board meeting on 2/13/2024, in the junior high school media center.

Whereas 5 members were present, a quorum was declared by the chair.

Whereas the Board of Directors received a recommendation to adopt a resolution to submit an Act 1240 wavier for an early start of school for the next five years to the state board of education.

Whereas the Board, after serious consideration, moved to approve the submission of the Act 1240 wavier for an early start of school for the next five years to the state board of education.

The wavier is contingent upon approval by the State Board of Education. If approval is denied, this wavier would be null and void.



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Superintendent



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Board President

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