



**DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY
& SECONDARY EDUCATION**

Act 1240 Waiver Request

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| District: | Decatur |
| LEA Number: | 0402000 |
| Superintendent: | Steve Watkins |
| Email: | swatkins@decatursd.com |
| Contact for Waiver: | Steve Watkins |
| Contact Email: | swatkins@decatursd.com |
| Contact Phone: | 479-321-5780 |
| Date Received by DESE: | |

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**

Waiver Request #4

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| Topic: | |
| Standards/Statutes/Rules: | |
| Duration Requested: | |
| Name of Open-Enrollment Charter Holding the Waiver | |
| Schools, Grades or Classes the Wavier Will Apply To | |
| PURPOSE OF THE WAIVER (Must check at least one) | <input 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.

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

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

Waiver Request #2

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| Topic: | |
| Standards/Statutes/Rules: | |
| Duration Requested: | |
| Name of Open-Enrollment Charter Holding the Waiver | |
| Schools, Grades or Classes the Waiver Will Apply To | |
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Decatur School District
1498 Stadium Avenue
Decatur, AR 72722

January 24, 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DECATUR SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO REQUEST A WAIVER

WHEREAS the Decatur Board of Directors is committed to providing a high-quality education to all students within the district;

WHEREAS, certain circumstances or regulations may require the district to seek waivers to better address the unique needs or challenges faced by the district;

WHEREAS, [Include specific details regarding the waiver, such as the name of the waiver, the regulation or requirement it pertains to, and the reasons for seeking the waiver];

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Decatur School District hereby authorizes the district administration to formally request a waiver for Decatur is seeking a waiver under Ark. Code Ann. 6-15-202(b)(2)(A).

The reason for the request is as follows:

- 1) We are seeking a waiver for Ark. Code Ann. 6-10-106. Uniform dates for beginning and end of school year. Specifically, (a)(1) In each school year, the first day of the school year for student attendance in the public elementary and secondary schools of the State of Arkansas shall begin no earlier than August 19 and no later than August 26.
- 2) Decatur is seeking a waiver to allow our district to start school one week (7 days) earlier than the start date of school outlined in Ark. Code Ann. 6-10-106.
- 3) Our district feels the flexibility to start school the week earlier than Ark. Code Ann. 6-10-106 currently prescribes will allow us to respond to inclement weather, create additional instructional days before state testing dates, address summer learning loss, and align our first semester end date to our holiday break.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent or designee is authorized to take all necessary steps and actions to submit the waiver request, including providing any additional information or documentation required by the relevant authorities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors expresses its support for the waiver request and acknowledges the importance of flexibility in addressing the unique needs and circumstances of the district.

Decatur Early Start Survey

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Would you support moving the earliest start date to August 12th?

130 responses

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