

WESTSIDE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Committed to Learn... Committed to Lead



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Office of the Superintendent

**Westside High School Act 1240 Waiver
for Student Learning Opportunities and Schedule Flexibility**

WHEREAS, the Westside High School is committed to providing the best possible education for its students, promoting innovation, and ensuring equitable access to effective teaching; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of a block schedule with a "Fast Friday" has been undertaken to enhance student learning, foster innovation, and increase access to effective teaching, as part of the Professional Learning Community (PLC) process; and

WHEREAS, the block schedule includes "A days" on Monday and Wednesday, "B days" on Tuesday and Thursday, and a "Fast Friday" with all classes meeting for 45 minutes; and

WHEREAS, a 30-minute block of homeroom/advisory/intervention/enrichment time is allocated from 9:30 am - 10:00 am on Monday-Thursday; and

WHEREAS, it has been observed that during "Fast Friday," some teachers may exceed the 150 student cap set for the day by Arkansas state standards, albeit not exceeding the 30 students per class limit; and

WHEREAS, the school district recognizes the importance of Special Education co-teaching initiatives to ensure compliance with Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and to meet the diverse needs of students; and

WHEREAS, the district aims to provide targeted interventions for students who need additional support and enrichment activities for those who have demonstrated proficiency; and

WHEREAS, the district is dedicated to monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the waiver to ensure continuous improvement in student academic growth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Westside Consolidated School Board approves the request to petition the Arkansas State Board of Education to renew the Act 1240 waiver for student learning opportunities and schedule flexibility, as outlined below:

1. Rationale and Problem Addressed: The "Fast Friday" schedule and associated homeroom/advisory/intervention/enrichment time have been implemented to address the need for targeted interventions and enrichment opportunities. This schedule allows for data-driven interventions based on Common Formative Assessments, benefiting both struggling students and those who have achieved proficiency. While some teachers may exceed the 150 student cap on "Fast Friday," this resolution aims to address this situation by acknowledging the unique circumstances of co-teaching Special Education classes and the overall benefits of the schedule.

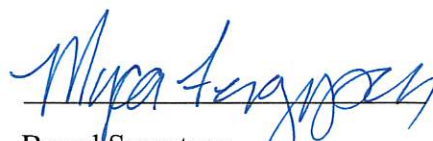
2. Services Provided: The schedule structure ensures equitable instructional time for all classes. The "Fast Friday" classes focus on giving and reviewing Common Formative Assessments that will be used to provide additional support or enrichment based on student needs. The RTI Scheduler program is used to allocate students to interventions or enrichments on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Core teachers provide targeted interventions, while non-core teachers offer enrichment activities. Priority scheduling days will further enhance the effectiveness of these interventions and enrichments.

3. Monitoring and Evaluation: Westside High School Department Teams will meet weekly to assess learning targets and student data. The principal, assistant principal, and district-level PLC team will collaborate monthly to discuss building and district-level goals, academic growth, and program effectiveness. The superintendent will receive updates on successes and recommendations for improvements. After the first year and once available, state-mandated testing data will be analyzed to refine intervention and enrichment strategies. District-wide perceptions of the program will be discussed in the District Administration PLC, ensuring a continuous cycle of monitoring and adjustment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this waiver and schedule flexibility will be implemented for the upcoming academic year and moving forward, with the understanding that ongoing assessment and adjustments will be made to optimize student learning opportunities, innovation, and equitable access to effective teaching.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this 23rd day of Sept. 2023 by the Westside Consolidated School Board.


Board President


Board Secretary

Westside Consolidated School District

Board of Education
Special Board Meeting
Superintendent's Office
September 23, 2025
5:30 pm

1. Public Comment (Arkansas Act 902)
 - a. To participate in the public comment period, individuals must meet the criteria laid out in Arkansas Act 902.
2. Reading of Agenda
3. ACT 1240 Waiver Resolution
 - a. Westside High School: Class Size and Class Load
4. Adjourn