



DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY
& SECONDARY EDUCATION

Inclement Weather Calendar Waiver Request

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Date Received by DESE:	02/14/2024

By submitting this waiver request, the Superintendent certifies that the following requirements have been met:

1. The local board has approved the waiver request and revised calendar.
2. The personnel policy committee (PPC) has approved the revised calendar.
3. The revised calendar has been posted on the district's website.
4. The calendar reflects 1,068 hours of in-person student instruction that will be provided during the 2023-2024 school year.

Further, the Superintendent certifies that the district will input into eSchool, eFinance, or APSCN, all data that affects the ADM of the public school district; and ensures compliance with the required minimum number of school instructional hours.

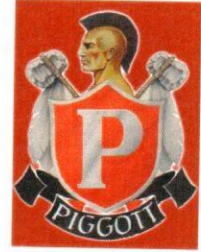
Topic:	Alternate School Calendar Submission Deadlines
Standards/Statutes/Rules:	Ark. Code Ann. § 6-10-106(g)(3) regarding calendar submission deadline
Duration Requested:	2023-2024 School Year
Schools, Grades or Classes the Waiver Will Apply To	K-12
PURPOSE OF THE WAIVER (Must check at least one)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allow the district to transition to an alternate calendar requiring 1,068 hours of student instruction

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I am also requesting that the Division waive Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-213(b), which requires that the official reporting period for attendance shall be quarterly with the actual number of days counted in each period to be no less than forty (40) nor more than fifty (50).



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Piggott School District Plan

To Make Up Time or Days Due to Inclement Weather

In a recent Commissioner's Memo COM-24-066 released by the Arkansas Department of Education to the state provided guidance regarding options for Districts to make up instructional time missed due to inclement weather. The state minimum for districts for instructional time is 178 days or 1,068 hours of instruction. The Piggott School District is currently on a Traditional Calendar but are requesting to transition to an Alternate Calendar and use the hours above the state minimum to make up the two days missed due to the inclement weather we experienced on January 16th and 17th, 2024.

The Piggott School District's Elementary Campus currently has 390 minutes of instruction per day and the High School has 372 minutes of instruction per day. We plan to use the additional 12 minutes per day from the High School Campus to cover the time lost due to those two inclement weather days. Switching from the Traditional Calendar of 178 days to the Alternate Calendar, we plan to use the time from the remaining 176 days x 12 minutes per day=2,112 minutes). A total of 2,112 minutes/360 minutes per day=5.87 days.

As a result of inclement weather/road conditions the District was closed on January 16-17, 2024(2 days). If the District transitions to the Alternate Calendar students will not be required to make up bad weather days as a result of the banked instructional time. We have the ability to miss 3.87 additional days without having to add make up days to the end of the school calendar. The last day of school will remain May 24, 2024.

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MINUTES OF THE Special Board Meeting February 13, 2024

The Piggott School District Board of Education met in a Special Meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 in the District Administrative Office. Members present were Chris Roberts, Brad Dunlap, Rob Chandler and Jacob Richardson.

Board President, Chris Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Upon recommendation of the superintendent, Brad Dunlap made a motion to approve Act 1240 Waiver Request and Resolution to allow earlier start of school as early as August 12th, 2024. The motion passed 4-0.

Upon recommendation of the superintendent, Jacob Richardson made a motion to approve the Inclement Weather Waiver Request and revised calendar. The motion passed 4-0.

Upon recommendation of the superintendent, Rob Chandler made a motion to approve the Servepro bill for the Sped building totaling \$12,416.86. The motion passed 4-0.

Upon recommendation of the superintendent, Brad Dunlap made a motion to approve the Servepro bill for the elementary school totaling \$100,000. The motion passed 4-0.

Board President Chris Roberts waived the motion to adjourned the meeting.

President

Secretary

Certified PPC Meeting Agenda
Thursday, February 8, 2024

- I. Call to Order - Meeting called to order by Stacey Peters.
- II. Reading of Previous Minutes -
- III. Agenda.
 - A. Approval of Inclement Weather Waiver - Mr. Bowen discussed the Inclement Weather Calendar Waiver Request with the committee. This waiver from DESE would allow the district to transition to an alternate calendar requiring 1,068 hours of student instruction. With switching to this calendar we will have roughly 5 days for inclement weather make-up. This will allow us to be out of school on Monday, February 19, 2024 and Friday, March 15, 2024. NaTasha Seal motioned to approve the waiver, with a second from Allison Catt. Mr. Bowen will present this at the upcoming board meeting.
 - B. Discussion/Approval of Early Start Waiver - Mr. Bowen discussed the process of this waiver and its benefits. Survey results from a previous survey sent out to Faculty and Community members. Both groups voted for the waiver to be completed. Natasha Seal motioned to approve moving forward with the waiver. Kyle Allman seconded the motion.
 - C. Discussion of Policy Updates - Mr. Bowen reviewed the Licensed Personnel Policy Committee guidelines. There were just a couple statements that were reworded.
 - D. Discussion of School Calendar for 2024 - 25 - Mr. Bowen presented the committee with 4 calendar options; 2 traditional calendars and 2 alternative calendars. The committee voted not to move forward with the traditional calendar option. Both Alternative calendar options will be sent out to the staff for a vote.
 - E. Other - Stacey Peters mentioned a need for a "private maternal area" for mothers returning to work after having a baby. Mr. Bowen said this would be the administrators' decision.
 - F. Other- Salary schedule tabled for next meeting.

Piggott School District | 2023-2024 Alternative CALENDAR (revised 02/14/2024)

JULY '23						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

4 Independence Day

JANUARY '24						
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1 New Year's Day
 1-2 Christmas Break-No School
 3 Start of 3rd 9 Weeks
 15 M.L. King Day-No School/Snow Make Up Day #2
 20 Instructional Days=124 Instructional Hours

AUGUST '23						
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1-4 Staff Development
 7-10 Staff Development
 14-15 Staff Development
 16 First Day of School
 12 Instructional Days=74.4 instructional hours

FEBRUARY '24						
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14 Valentine's Day
 19 Presidents' Day-No School
 20 Instructional Days=124 Instructional hours

SEPTEMBER '23						
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4 Labor Day
 20 Instructional Days=124 instructional hours

MARCH '24						
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8 End of 3rd 9 Weeks (46 Days)
 11 Start of 4th 9 Weeks
 14 Parent Teacher Conferences 3:15-8:15
 15 Spring Break Starts No School
 18-22 Spring Break No School
 29 Good Friday
 31 Easter Sunday
 15 Instructional Days=93 Instructional hours

OCTOBER '23						
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9 Columbus Day
 13 End of 1st 9 Weeks (42 Days)
 16 Start of 2nd 9 Weeks
 19 Parent Teacher Conference. 3:15-8:15
 20 Fall Break No School
 31 Halloween
 21 Instructional Days=130.2 instructional hours

APRIL '24						
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April 8-No School
 21 Instructional Days=130.2 instructional hours

NOVEMBER '23						
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11 Veterans Day
 20-24 Thanksgiving Break-No School
 23 Thanksgiving Day
 17 Instructional Days=105.4 instructional hours

MAY '24						
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12 Mother's Day
 19 Graduation
 24 End of 4th 9 Weeks (48 Days)
 27 Memorial's Day
 28-31 Snow Make Up Days #5-8
 18 Instructional Days=111.6

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DECEMBER '23						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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20 End of 2nd 9 Weeks (42 Days)
 21-29 Christmas Break-No School
 25 Christmas Day

14 Instructional Days=86.8 Instructional Hours

JUNE '24						
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3 Snow Make Up Day #9
 16 Father's Day

School Day—8:00am-3:12pm

**Piggott Elementary School has 390 minutes of instruction per day
 Piggott High School has 372 minutes of instruction per day**

2023-24 School Calendar has 178 Days with a minimum of 1,103.6 hours. If no other days are missed the District would be attending 176 days with an additional 12 minutes per day=2,112 minutes. $2,112/360=5.87$ days for any remaining inclement weather days.

PPC Approved the Calendar Change 02/08/2024

Piggott School Board Approved the Waiver and Calendar Change 02/13/2024

The Arkansas Department of Education issued a waiver that allows Districts to transition their calendar from traditional to alternate. Alternate calendars require 1,068 hours, the equivalent of 6 hours of instructional time for 178 days. Through the waiver process Districts have been allowed to "bank" instructional time and substitute that time for inclement weather days. The Piggott School District exceeds the minimum standard of 6 hours of instruction each day and will take advantage of the waiver process. Transitioning to an alternate calendar ensures students will NOT be required to make up inclement weather days for up to 5.74 days.