



DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY
& SECONDARY EDUCATION

Inclement Weather Calendar Waiver Request

District:	Founders Classical Academies of Arkansas
LEA Number:	0442700
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Date Received by DESE:	

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

- N/A
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).

2023-2024 School Calendar



FOUNDERS

Classical Academy

July 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

August 2023

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September 2023

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October 2023

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November 2023

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December 2023

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January 2024

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February 2024

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March 2024

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April 2024

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May 2024

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June 2024

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Student Holidays

July 4	Independence Day
Sep 4	Labor Day
Oct 20	Fall Break
Nov 20 - 24	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 22 - Jan 2	Christmas Break
Jan 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Feb 16	Staff Development
Mar 18 - 22	Spring Break
May 27	Memorial Day

Make Up Days (Act 1469)

May 28 - 31 (AMI / Snow Days 1 - 4)
Feb 19 (AMI / Snow Day 5)

Parent Teacher Conferences

Oct 19
Feb 15

Attendance/Grade Reporting Periods

1st Quarter	08/21/23 - 10/19/23	43
2nd Quarter	10/23/23 - 01/05/23	42
3rd Quarter	01/08/24 - 03/13/24	46
4th Quarter	03/14/24 - 05/24/24	47

Total Instructional Days 178
Total Teacher Days 192

Alternate Calendar- 1068 Instructional Hours

Arkansas state law requires schools on alternate calendars to conduct a minimum of 1068 hours of instruction per year.

Before taking into consideration the 5 makeup days, the following instructional hours are provided with this calendar.
FCA K-2 = 390 min/day x 174 days = 1131 hrs
FCA 3-4 = 405 min/day x 174 days = 1174.5 hrs
FCA 5-12 = 415 min/day x 174 days = 1203.5 hrs

Teacher Professional Development

Aug 9 - 17
Oct 20
Jan 2
Feb 16
May 29 - 30

Teacher Work Days

Aug 18
May 28

Details

Board Approved:
Last Updated: 1/12/2023
3/28/2024
Transitioned to 1068 Instructional Hour Calendar.

- Early Release at 1pm
- School Closed
- Teacher Work Day
- Teacher PD



- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Snow Make-Up Day
- First & Last Day of Semesters

ResponsiveEd Arkansas Board Meeting Agenda

Date: March 28, 2024
Time: 5:30 PM
Place: ResponsiveEd Arkansas
Corporate Office
400 Hardin Rd. Suite 120 Little Rock, AR 72211

Charters: Founders Classical Academies of Arkansas - (FCA)
Premier High Schools of Arkansas (PHS)
Premier High School of North Little Rock (PHS NLR)
Premier High School of Springdale (PHS SD)

I. Call to Order (Announcement by the President as to the presence of a quorum that the meeting has been duly called, and the notice of the meeting has been posted for the time and in the manner required by law.)

II. Public Comments

III. Executive/Administrative Reports

- A. Superintendent
- B. CTE Director
- C. Atlas Testing Participation Update

IV. Consent Items

- A. Consider Approval of Monthly Financials
- B. Consider Approval of the Minutes from the Board Meeting February 22, 2024

V. Separate Action Items (Approval for all Charters unless noted)

- A. Consider Approval of Inclement Weather Waiver Request (FCA)
- B. Consider Approval of 2024-2025 School Calendars
- C. Consider Approval of PHS Arkansas Lease for Russellville (PHS)
- D. Consider Approval of Construction Management Service

VI. Adjourn

Next Meeting Date: TBA

Adjournment