



PRIORITIZING LITERACY &  
ACHIEVEMENT YEAR-ROUND

# ARKANSAS LIGHTHOUSE CHARTER SCHOOLS



# MISSION STATEMENT

**WE ENGAGE, EMBRACE, AND EMPOWER SCHOLARS,  
FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO CREATE A  
VIBRANT, SUPPORTIVE, LOCAL ECOSYSTEM FOR ALL  
THROUGH EDUCATION.**



# WAIVER REQUEST

Ark. Code Ann. §6-10-106 (a)

**THE FIRST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE IN  
PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.**



# RATIONALE

- **ARKANSAS LIGHTHOUSE CHARTER SCHOOLS WILL PROVIDE SCHOLARS 1131 INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS - 63 HOURS LONGER THAN THE MINIMUM REQUIRED BY LAW.**
- **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REQUESTS THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE BEGINS EARLIER THAN IS PRESCRIBED BY LAW.**
- **THE PROPOSED FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS FOR THE 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR IS THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024.**



# PROPOSED 24-25 CALENDAR

	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	Stu-	H/	PD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Teachers	Adms	Full	Late	Half										
																					ents	MS								Days	Start	Days										
2024	Jul	1	2	3	H	5	Adm	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30	31	29-31 Bridges	0	1	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	-							
	Aug	Bridges open for Teachers					1	2	5	6	7	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30	17	0	5	17	-	-	22	22	14	3	-				
	Sep	H	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	(I)	20	23	24	25	26	SLE	30						16	2	3	16	-	-	19	20	11	4	1				
	Oct	1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	(#)	11	14	15	16	17	18	(*)	22	23	24	25	28	29	30	31						18	2	3	9	9	-	-	21	23	15	3	-
	Nov					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	H	29						16	5	0	-	16	-	-	16	18	13	3
Dec	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	H	26	27	30	31						15	7	0	-	15	-	-	15	15	12	3	-			
2025	Jan		H	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	(#)	H	(*)	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31						18	4	1	-	18	-	19	21	15	2	-	
	Feb	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	H	18	MU	MU	MU	24	25	26	(I)	28								15	2	3	-	-	15	-	18	19	12	3	-		
	Mar	3	4	5	6	SLE	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28	31							16	5	0	-	-	10	6	16	16	11	4	1		
	Apr		1	2	3	(#)	(*)	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30						22	0	0	-	-	17	22	22	18	4	-		
	May				1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	H	27	28	29	30	30						21	1	0	-	-	21	21	21	14	3
Jun	MU	MU	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	H	20	23	24	25	26	27	30							0	-	4	-	-	-	4	20	-	-	-				
																				Teacher last day 6/5		scholar day 5/30		Total		174	29	19	42	40	43	44	193	239	135	32	2					

- District Closed for All
- Holiday
- PD Teacher-Only Prof. Dev. (No Students)
- (\*) Begin Grading Period
- (#) End Grading Period
- (I) Interim Progress Reports Due
- SLE Scholar-Led Conferences (Half-day)
- MU Incentive Weather Days, if needed
- Teacher PD and PLCs: Scholars Late-Start Sun
- First and Last Day of School
- District Open - Admin (240) only, no scholars, no teachers

Full Day (8:00-3:25) 6.92 934.2  
 Late Start (9:00-3:25) 5.92 189.4  
 Half Day (8:00-11:30) 3.5 7

1131 total hours

**Special Notes**  
 Plan for Snow Days: Feb. 19-21, June 2-3  
 Spring Break is March 24-29th.



# RATIONALE

	<b>ADE REQUIRED MINIMUM</b>	<b>ARKANSAS LIGHTHOUSE CHARTER SCHOOLS</b>
<b>STUDENT HOURS</b>	<b>1068</b>	<b>1131</b>
<b>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS</b>	<b>no less than 6</b>	<b>19</b>



QUESTIONS?

