



Inclement Weather Calendar Waiver Request

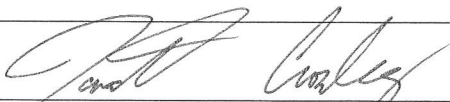
District:	Hope School District
LEA Number:	2903000
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Date Received by DESE:	

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 type="checkbox"/> Allow the district to transition to an alternate calendar requiring 1,068 hours of student instruction

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Superintendent:	

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).

Hope School District

Request to Transition from a Traditional to an Alternative Calendar 2023-2024 School Year

Background and Calculation

- The Hope School District (HSD) was closed for four days from January 16-19 due to inclement weather and icy road conditions.
- The required minimum number of hours for an alternative calendar is 1,068 hours per year.
- Each campus of the Hope School District is currently providing a minimum of 390 minutes of instructional time per day.
- $390 \text{ min. per day} \times 178 \text{ required instructional days} = 69,420 \text{ min. per year}$ or 1,157 hr. per year being provided by HSD.
- $1,157 \text{ hours being provided} - 1,068 \text{ minimum required hours} = 89 \text{ hours}$ or 14 days.
- These 14 days will cover the four days missed for inclement weather plus 10 days if needed later in the school year.
- Due to the extra instructional time currently being provided by HSD, the District will not have to add additional days to the 2023-24 school calendar at this time.

Hope Public Schools 2023-2024

Academic Year Calendar

OPTION 1

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Events

- Beginning of Quarter
- End of Quarter 10/12, 12/20, 3/14, 5/29
- Campuses Closed
- PT Conferences 10/12, 3/14
- Early Out-Semester Exams-1:30pm
- Open House Aug. 10, 2023 3-7
- Indement Weather Days
- Campus PD
- 190 Day off contract
- Teacher Work Day 8/10 (AM), 1/3
- Swing PD @ Campus if no summer
- District PD

Novice Teacher PD July 31- Aug 1st
PT Conf. Oct 12, March 14, 2.30-7:30pm

178 Student teacher interaction days
2 Parent/Teacher Conferences

First day for students August 14

43	1st 9 Weeks
42	2nd 9 Weeks
48	3rd 9 Weeks
45	4th 9 Weeks
#	Student days per month & quarter