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Mountain Home High School 2019 Renewal Application

Expiring Waivers

All waivers, other than those listed below, are fine and there are no legal comments.

Flexible Schedule

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-102

Legal Comments: Applicant does not need a waiver of Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-102(a)(5), which only pertains to elementary schools.

Applicant Response: This waiver was initially requested in order to allow flexible scheduling to accommodate students that wanted to participate in internships and apprenticeships, student remediation, as well as common planning time for teachers for project integration and professional development opportunities such as teacher externships. MHHSCA is still requesting the flexible schedule waiver option in order to continue these best practices for student achievement.

The following waivers are what MHHSCA is requesting to continue to use to address the needs of Flexible Scheduling:

Arkansas Code Annotated

- Ark. Code Ann. § 6-10-106 - School Year Dates
- Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-102 - School Day Hours
- Ark. Code Ann. 6-18-210(2) - Definition of Planned Instructional Time

Standards for Accreditation

- Standards for Accreditation 10.01.4 - Planned Instructional Time
- Standards for Accreditation 14.03 - Credit Hours

Legal Comments: Applicant does not need a waiver of Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-102(a)(5), which only pertains to elementary schools. Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-210 has been repealed, therefore no waiver is necessary. Applicant has cited to an outdated version of the Standards for Accreditation. The new Standards for Accreditation (effective July 1, 2018) does not have a Standard 10.01.4 or 14.03. Applicant should review the new Standards to determine which, if any, waivers it needs.

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Curriculum

1-A.2, Standards

Legal Comments: The new Standards for Accreditation allow credit to be given to a student for a course that meets for a minimum of 120 clock hours *unless* the school district awards credits based on subject matter competency in compliance with the district's approved plan under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-216. Does the Applicant need a waiver because the Applicant does not have an approved plan for providing competency based credit, or because the Applicant is not providing competency based credit or 120 clock hour credit?

Applicant Response: **This waiver has been requested to allow students to receive credit only (indicated with a CR or NC) on their transcript for work-based learning opportunities such as internships and apprenticeships. In the application, clarification is provided that addresses how the applicant meets or exceeds the 120 clock hour credit.**

Legal Comments: **Applicant did not answer the question from Legal.** The new Standards for Accreditation allow credit to be given to a student for a course that meets for a minimum of 120 clock hours *unless* the school district awards credits based on subject matter competency in compliance with the district's approved plan under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-216. Does the Applicant need a waiver because the Applicant does not have an approved plan for providing competency based credit, or because the Applicant is not providing competency based credit or 120 clock hour credit?

Teacher Licensure

ADE Rules Governing Educator Licensure

Legal Comments: Does the Applicant have licensed teachers teaching outside of their licensure area? If yes, only a waiver of Section 7 is needed. If no, no waiver of these Rules is needed. There is no section 9.01 of these Rules.

Applicant Response: **This waiver was requested to allow MHHSCA get the right teacher for the position. For example, we have had teachers elementary certified to teach the internship program, apprenticeship program, and Keystone or Capstone in the past. Teachers were then asked to attend training to receive the ACE/CTE endorsement for those classes. Also, this waiver has allowed MHHSCA to utilize community partners who are experts in their fields as instructors in various courses.**

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Mandatory Attendance

Mandatory Attendance Requirements for Students in Grades 9-12

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-210

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-211

Legal Comments: These Rules have been repealed. These laws have been repealed. No waiver is necessary.

Applicant Response: No response since Rules have been repealed. This was utilized to allow students to participate in internship and apprenticeship experiences for longer than a class period.

Legal Comments: Applicant should confirm it rescinds its request.

Desegregation Analysis: Fully responsive.