



Inclement Weather Calendar Waiver Request

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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.

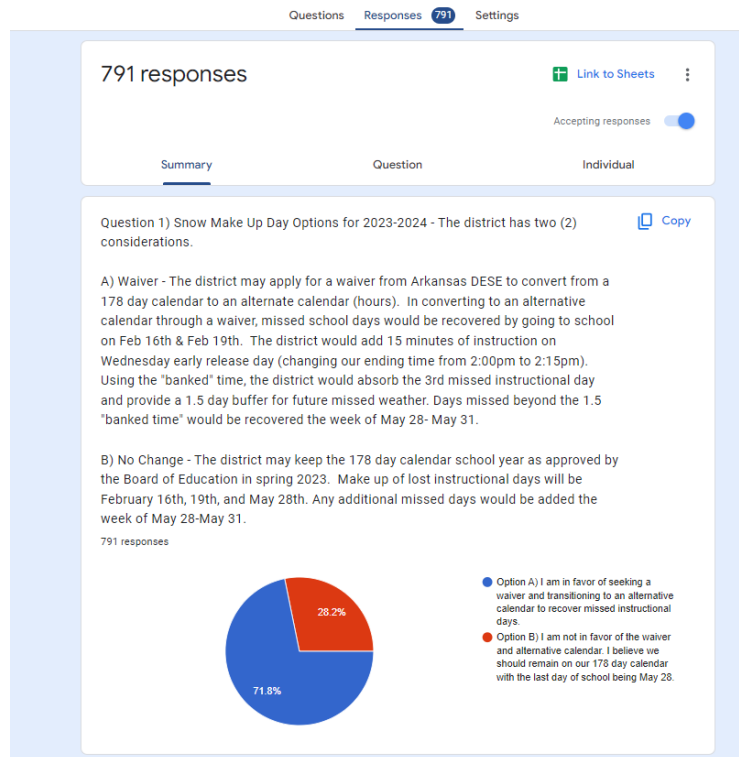
Topic:	Alternate School Calendar Submission Deadlines
Standards/Statutes/Rules:	Ark. Code Ann. § 6-10-106(g)(3) regarding calendar submission deadline
Duration Requested:	2023-2024 School Year
Schools, Grades or Classes the Waiver Will Apply To	K-12
PURPOSE OF THE WAIVER (Must check at least one)	<input 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).

Attached Documents & Links:

- a) **Attached February 6, 2024 Board of Education Minutes approving the application to move to the alternate calendar for the 2023-2024 School year. [Link Here](#)**
- b) **Links to recordings of both Classified (Feb 5, 2024) and Licensed (Feb 6, 2024) PPC meetings with approval of the district’s application to transition to an alternate calendar for 2023-2024 school year.**
 - **Classified PPC [Link Here](#)**
 - **Licensed PPC [Link Here](#)**
- c) **Parents and Community Survey**



- d) **Revised calendar is posted on the district website. [Link Here](#) and attached.**

2023-24 Harrison School District Revised Calendar

June 2023							December 2023							Important Dates to Remember	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
				1	2	3						1	2	June	2 Professional Development Days for teachers (Principal Directed)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	July	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	8/8 or 8/10	Open House - All Buildings
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Aug 14	School Begins
25	26	27	28	29	30	1	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	Oct 10/12	Parent Teacher Conferences
July 2023							January 2024							Oct 11 <td>End of First Quarter (43 days)</td>	End of First Quarter (43 days)
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Dec 16	End of Second Quarter (40 days)
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	Feb 13/16	Parent Teacher Conferences
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Mar 3	End of Third Quarter (45 days)
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	March 13-22	Spring Break
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	May 18	Graduation
30	31						28	29	30	31				May 24	End of Fourth Quarter (50 days) Last Day of School - See Weather Information
August 2023							February 2024							Student Dismissal Dates (ALL DAY)	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sept 4	Labor Day
		1	2	3	4	5					1	2	3	Oct 13-18	Fall Break for Students
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Nov 20-24	Thanksgiving Holiday
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Dec 18-Jan 1	Christmas/New Year Holiday
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Jan 16	Martin Luther King Day
27	28	29	30	31			25	26	27	28	29			1-16, 17, 22	Current Missed Snow Days
September 2023							March 2024							March 13-22	Spring Break
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	District Professional Development August 1-2 - New Teacher Orientation August 4 - Work in Room August 11 - Canvas PD completed over summer August 7, 8, 9, 10 - On Site - Face to Face PD October 18 & February 19 (Make up Snow Day) PD for staff	
					1	2						1	2	August 4, Canvas PD Flex Day August 11, Work in Room	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Student Early Dismissal Dates Beginning in February - 2:15	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	NOTE: February 18 and 19 are now student attendance days The district received a waiver from the Arkansas Department of Education to change from a traditional calendar to an alternative calendar based on hours	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Quarter Breakdown by Days	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1st QTR - August 14 through October 11 (42 Days) 2nd QTR - October 12 through December 16 (40 Days) 3rd QTR - January 2 through March 8 (45 Days) 4th QTR - March 11 through May 24 (50 Days) Total District Instructional Hours 1,082 hours	
October 2023							April 2024							May 23 - June 3	Possible Make Up Days
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	31	1	2	3	4	5	6		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	21	22	23	24	25	26	27		
29	30	31					28	29	30						
November 2023							May 2024								
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
			1	2	3	4				1	2	3	4		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
26	27	28	29	30			26	27	28	29	30	31			

Weather Information

In case of inclement weather, and at the discretion of the Superintendent, fall break days, Martin Luther King Holiday, President's day holidays, teacher professional development days, and/or Spring Break may be used as instructional days. In extreme situations, the District may choose to extend the school day, schedule Saturday classes, extend the school year, or utilize ADE approved waiver days to arrive at the mandated 178 instructional days or minimum 1,066 instructional hours.

Important Dates For Teachers

2 Summer Principal Directed PD Days
 see attached documentation requirements
 August 1-2 - New Teacher Orientation
 August 4 - Canvas PD/Flex Day
 August 11 - Work in your Room Day/Flex Day
 August 7, 8, 9, 10 - District PD
 October 16 - PD Day
 February 19 - Make up Snow Day

A Meeting of the Board of Education Harrison School District No. 1

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

1 Special PD Center, Room 1 5:30 February 5 2024
NO. **KIND OF MEETING** **MEETING PLACE** **TIME** **MO/DAY** **YEAR**

MEMBERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

Mitch Magness

Presiding Officer

Mindy Both

Nate Wilson

Mark Martin

Jon Burnside

Kelley McLaughlin

Marisa Keylon

Dr. Stewart Pratt

Linda Alford

OTHERS PRESENT: Jacob Mills, Fred Wilson, Lewis Villines, Christine Reading.

The Harrison Board of Education met in special session in Room 1 of the Professional Development Center at 5:30 p.m., February 5, 2024.

Mitch Magness called the meeting to order.

CONSIDER 2023-2024 CALENDAR WAIVER

With many Arkansas schools being affected by weather in the month of January, Arkansas DESE provided guidance with Commissioner's memo COM-24-066 on 1/25/2024. Additionally, Arkansas Education Secretary Jacob Oliva and Deputy Commissioner Stacy Smith addressed Superintendents to communicate options for the district calendar for the 2023-2024 school year.

The Inclement Weather Calendar Waiver, if approved, would allow the Harrison School District to convert from a 178-day calendar to an alternate calendar (hours). With proper support documentation and approval, Harrison Schools may convert to the alternate calendar and be able to adjust for inclement weather make up days.

Administration recommends that the Board review and approve, the attached waiver request allowing the Harrison School District to apply for the Inclement Weather Calendar Waiver.

024-085:5:33 Mark Martin moved, with a second by Kelley McLaughlin, to approve the waiver requesting that the Harrison School District apply for the Inclement Weather Calendar Waiver. Motion carried.

CONSIDER 2024-2025 CALENDAR START DATE WAIVER RESOLUTION

The member school districts of the Ozark Unlimited Resource Education Service Cooperative are collectively and separately requesting a waiver from A.C.A. §6-10-106, which establishes the first

allowable day of class as the Monday of the week that contains August 19. For the 2024-2025 school year that date would be Monday, August 19, 2024. The specific waiver being requested is to allow the applying school districts to set their individual district's first day of class to be "no earlier than Monday, August 12, 2024, and on or after the Monday of the week August 12 falls in subsequent years.

Harrison Public Schools has joined with other O.U.R. Cooperative school districts in applying for a waiver from Ark 6-10-106. A Board Resolution would strengthen our petition to the State Board of Education.

Administration recommends that the Board review and approve, by written resolution, the attached waiver request affecting the allowable first day of school.

Mark Martin, the Board's legislative liaison, added that he has been getting feedback from the State pertaining to districts going from a day's calendar to an hour's calendar. Mr. Martin said that the State of Arkansas will most likely see a major flip in calendars moving from days to hours.

Additional, Dr. Pratt said the best thing about an hour's calendar is that it provides flexibility, face to face instruction with students still going as close to 178 days as possible.

024-086:5:40 Jon Burnside moved, with a second by Marisa Keylon, to approve by written resolution the waiver request affecting the allowable first day of school. Motion carried.

The Board of Education meeting was called out of regular session at 5:40 and into special session for the student hearing at 5:42.

STUDENT HEARING

Mr. Magness stated the purpose of the meeting was to hear the superintendent's recommendation for the expulsion of student 503014636.

Mr. Magness asked the student and guardian if the hearing was to be conducted in open or closed session. The parents requested that the hearing be conducted in closed session.

The Board went into executive session at 6:02 and called out of executive session at 6:18. The Board was called back into open session at 6:20.

The administration recommended the expulsion of student 503014636 for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year. The student would be eligible to re-enroll for the fall 2024-2025 school year.

024-087:6:20 Mark Martin moved, with a second by Marisa Keylon to expel student 503014636 for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year. The student will be eligible to re-enroll August of 2024. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Approved: _____
Date

President or Chairman

Secretary