



DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY
& SECONDARY EDUCATION

Public School Waiver Request

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The following documents must be submitted with the waiver request:

1. Board resolution approving the waiver request
2. Evidence of stakeholder involvement, including teachers and student families

Waiver Request #1

Topic:	School District Calendar/Early Start Date Request
Standards/Statutes/Rules:	Statutes: Ark. Code Ann. § 6-10-106
Duration Requested:	2024-2025 School Year
Name of Open-Enrollment Charter Holding the Waiver	Lisa Academy, Estem Public Charter, Academics Plus Public Charter
Schools, Grades or Classes the Wavier Will Apply To	Greenbrier Eastside Elementary, Springhill Elementary, Westside Elementary, Wooster Elementary (K-5); Greenbrier Middle School (6-7); Greenbrier Junior High (8-9); Greenbrier High School (10-12)
PURPOSE OF THE WAIVER (Must check at least one)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance Student Learning Opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> Promote Innovation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Equitable Access to Effective Teachers

- 1. Provide a DETAILED RATIONALE explaining how the waiver will enhance student learning opportunities, promote innovation, or increase equitable access to effective teachers. Include information about the problem or obstacle, if any, the waiver will help the district overcome.**

The start date for the 2024-2025 school year is currently Monday, August 19, 2024. The Greenbrier School District requests consideration and approval for the start date to be changed to an earlier date which would allow the district the same equity afforded above listed charter schools. The requested wavier would allow for the Greenbrier School District to set our first day of classes to being no earlier than Monday, August 12, 2024.

Advantages of the waiver include an increase in learning and instructional time so students and teachers can increase student achievement and growth on exams such as ATLAS, ACT, AP, etc. Another advantage is the increase in learning and instructional time is the impact on student growth as progress monitored and measured by local assessments such as CFAs. An increase in evidence based instruction due to the increased time prior to assessments. An earlier start date also allows the district to more effectively distribute instructional days between the first and second semester.

- 2. Provide a detailed explanation of how the services being waived will be provided for students.**

A wavier regarding the school calendar and the start date of classes will not exempt any services offered to students. Since August 19th falls on a Monday and schools are prohibited from commencing before this date, this situation meets the criteria of a highly exceptional circumstance. With an earlier start date, the Greenbrier School District will be able to provide all services sooner.

- 3. Provide a detailed explanation of how the district will monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the waiver.**

Monitoring and evaluation measures on effectiveness of the requested waiver include review of stakeholder feedback, stakeholder survey results, attendance/engagement data, instructional observation data, and student learning data including, but not limited to data from commons formative assessments, interim assessments, and summative assessments.

Greenbrier School District
Board of Education
Resolution: Act 1240 Waiver/School Calendar/Early Start Date

WHEREAS Arkansas law, A.C.A. 6-10-106, provides for the school year to begin no earlier than the Monday of the week containing August 19; and

WHEREAS under this law, A.C.A 6-10-106, the start of school varies from year to year, beginning some years as early as August 15 or as late as August 20; and

WHEREAS under this law, A.C.A 6-10-106, the earliest that school can begin is August 19; and

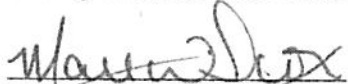
WHEREAS a late start to the school year creates unbalanced semesters, reduces the preparation time for state assessments, and limits flexibility ins scheduling inclement weather/emergency make-up days;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Greenbrier Board of Education endorses the Superintendent's waiver request affecting the allowable first day of school on August 14 and recommends its approval by the Arkansas State Board of Education.

Adopted this 13th day of February 2024.



Jeremy Riddle, Board President



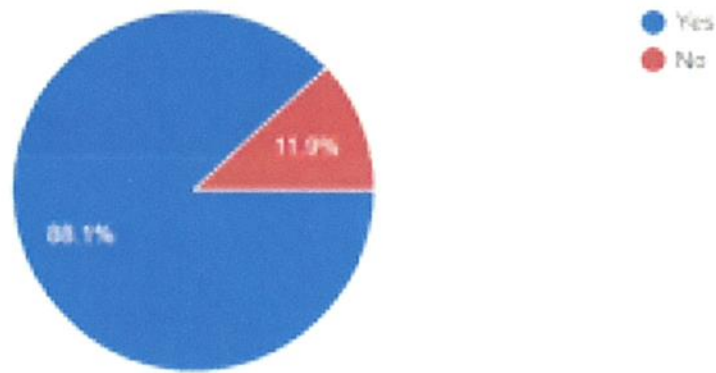
Matt Wilcox, Board Secretary

Greenbrier School District
Calendar Waiver Request Stakeholder Input

Staff Input:

Would you be in favor of this waiver allowing for the calendar committee to consider calendars for the 2024-2025 school year with a start date no earlier than August 14th?

160 responses



Parent Input:

Would you be in favor of this waiver allowing for the calendar committee to consider calendars for the 2024-2025 school year with a start date no earlier than August 14th?

14 responses

