



Inclement Weather Calendar Waiver Request

District:	De Queen School District
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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).

2023

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Aug 7	New Teacher Orientation
Aug 8-10	District PD Days
August 14	First Day of School
Sept 4	Labor Day
Oct 13	End of 1 st 9 Weeks (44)
Oct 17	Parent Teacher Conf
Oct 20	Fall Break
Nov 20-24	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec 22	End of 2 nd 9 Weeks (44)
Dec 25-Jan 5	Christmas Holiday
Jan 8	Beginning 2 nd Semester
Jan 15	Holiday MLK Day
Jan 16	Inclement Weather Day
Feb 16-19	Winter Break
March 8	End of 3 rd 9 Weeks (41)
March 14	Parent Teacher Conf.
March 15	Holiday
March 18-22	Spring Break
Mar 31	Easter Sunday
April 8	April Break
May 27	Memorial Day
May 24	End of 4 th 9 Weeks (48)

Grading Period 1: August 14-October 13 (44 days)

Grading Period 2: October 16-December 22 (44 days)

Grading Period 3: January 8-March 8 (41 days)

Grading Period 4: March 11-May 24 (48 days)

365 Instructional Minutes per day
for 177 days=1076.75 hours of
student instruction

Records and Proceedings
Board of Directors
De Queen School District #17
February 20, 2024

The De Queen School Board met in regular session Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. with the following members present: Mr. Skip Bell, Mr. Tony Soto, and Mr. Barry Reed. Dr. Kenny Martin and Ms. Sandy Huntsberger were absent.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Reed.

The invocation was given by Mr. Pinkerton.

In the expulsion hearing for Student #1, Student #2, Student #3, and Student #4, the board voted to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation on a motion by Mr. Soto, and seconded by Mr. Bell. 3-0

Mrs. Barker, Primary Principal, gave the student academic data and performance report for this month.

On a motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Soto, the January minutes were approved. 3-0

There were no PPC/Policies.

On a motion by Mr. Soto, seconded by Mr. Bell, the January expenditures and financial report were approved. 3-0

In the Superintendent's report, Mr. Sanders informed the that enrollment was up 46 students from this time last year with 2,381 student currently enrolled. Mrs. Gentry informed the board that Parent Involvement would be having a family night on Tuesday, February 27th. Mr. Pinkerton reported to the board that the architect was working on the plans and that they would be sent for approval soon for the new Ag facility.

The board approved the Inclement Weather Calendar Waiver and also approved Calendar #3, pending approval from the State Board of Education, in which the meeting will be held Wednesday, February 21st on a motion by Mr. Soto, and seconded by Mr. Bell. 3-0

The board approved a board resolution to allow De Queen School District to deed property to the Provo Community Center on a motion by Mr. Soto, and seconded by Mr. Bell. 3-0

There was no executive session.

On a motion by Mr. Soto, and a second by Mr. Bell, the board voted to accept the following resignations: Vivi Bradshaw-Teacher; Lance Bradshaw-Teacher; Judy Partain- Teacher; Mary Frachiseur-Teacher; Gene Roberts-paraprofessional; Lorraine Williams-Secretary 3-0


Mr. Sanders recommended rehiring the current administrators for the 2024-2025 school year. He told the board that the District has been blessed with such great administrators. With a motion from Mr. Soto and a second from Mr. Bell, the board voted to approve the recommendation. 3-0

On a motion by Mr. Soto, and a second by Mr. Bell, the board voted to hire Mary Lowrey and Amanda Spencer as teachers. 3-0

On a motion by Mr. Soto, and seconded by Mr. Bell, the board voted to approve the following student transfer- Karlie Ross- De Queen to Horatio. 3-0

The next board meeting will be held Monday, March 11, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Soto. 3-0



President, Board of Directors
De Queen School District #17



Secretary, Board of Directors
De Queen School District #1