



**DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY
& SECONDARY EDUCATION**

Inclement Weather Calendar Waiver Request

District:	Monticello School District
LEA Number:	2203
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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).

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF Monticello School District AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO REQUEST A WAIVER

DATE: 2-06-2024

WHEREAS, the Monticello School District Board of Directors is committed to providing a high-quality education to all students within the district;

WHEREAS, certain circumstances or regulations may require the district to seek waivers to better address the unique needs or challenges faced by the district;

WHEREAS, The Monticello School District is requesting a waiver from A.C.A. 6-10-106 to change from a traditional calendar to an alternate calendar (hours) for the 2023-2024 school year. The District will obtain PPC and Board approval and will notate the change in eSchool as required for this change.

WHEREAS, this would allow us to use already "banked" instructional minutes (hours) to offset days missed due to inclement weather. Our daily schedule currently exceeds the 360-minute requirement. This waiver will give greater assurance of the 23-24 school year ending in late May rather than extending into June. Some research indicates a decrease in learning past the Memorial Day holiday. In addition, student attendance tends to decrease dramatically after Memorial Day.

The new calendar will provide inclement weather flexibility throughout the year to decrease the likelihood of the 2023-2024 school year extending past the Memorial Day holiday. This would avoid a dramatic change to the current end of the school year scheduled date, where, research suggests, student learning decreases and attendance drops.

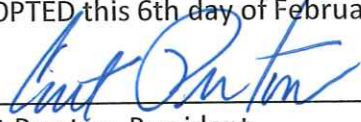
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Monticello School District hereby authorizes the district administration to formally request a waiver from A.C.A. 6-10-106, to change from a traditional calendar to an alternate calendar (hours) for the 2023-2024 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent or designee is authorized to take all necessary steps and actions to submit the waiver request, including providing any additional information or documentation required by the relevant authorities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors expresses its support for the waiver request and acknowledges the importance of flexibility in addressing the unique needs and circumstances of the district.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 6th day of February 2024, by the Board of Directors of Monticello School District.



Curt Preston, President
Monticello District Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Sandra Lanehart, Secretary
Monticello Board of Directors