



**DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY
& SECONDARY EDUCATION**

Inclement Weather Calendar Waiver Request

District:	Bentonville School District
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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).

Attachments:

Bentonville Board of Education Agenda Item 02-20-2024

2023-2024 Alternative Calendar – Instructional Hours



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Feb 20, 2024 - Board of Education Meeting
Category	7. Content
Subject	A. Revised 2023/2024 & Modified 2024/2025 School Calendar - Ms. Brandi Loomis and Ms. Natalie Marts (action) (podcast)
Access	Public
Type	Action, Minutes
Recommended Action	Motion to approve the revised 2023/2024 calendar. Motion to change the calendar from traditional to alternate. Motion to approve the modified 2024/2025 calendar.

Public Content

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) issued Commissioner's Memo [COM-24-066](#) - Inclement Weather Make-up Day Guidance on January 25, 2024. This memo grants school districts to change their calendar designation, necessitating a waiver to A.C.A. § 6-10-106 which mandates submission of calendar designations to DESE by July 1.

The state offers four (4) calendar options to districts. Bentonville Schools Board of Education (BOE) approved the Personnel Policy Committee's (PPC) recommendation for a traditional calendar option for the 2023-2024 school year during its January 2023 meeting. Both licensed and classified PPCs reviewed the option to move the current calendar to an alternative calendar which requires 1,068 instructional hours and 30 hours for inclement weather to be established in the calendar. Both Classified and Licensed PPC voted to approve the waiver to change the 2023-2024 calendar from a traditional calendar to an alternative calendar. The 2023-2024 Draft Alternative Calendar was approved by both Licensed and Classified PPC and is attached with this memo.

Additionally, Licensed and Classified PPC reviewed the 2024-2025 traditional calendar that was approved during the January BOE meeting and voted to approve a change from a traditional calendar to an alternative calendar. The 2024-2025 Draft Alternative Calendar is attached to this memo.

The Personnel Policy Committee presents the following motions for approval:

Approval of the *Inclement Weather Calendar Waiver Request* to allow the District to transition to an alternate calendar requiring 1,068 hours of student instruction and an additional 30 hours of student instruction to be used for inclement weather.

Approval of the 2023-2024 Alternative Calendar Draft as presented.

Approval of the 2024 -2025 Alternative Calendar Draft as presented.

[Calendar Revision Memo 02-14-2024.docx.pdf \(72 KB\)](#)

[Inclement_Weather_Alternate_School_Calendar_Waiver_Form__130546.pdf \(130 KB\)](#)

[2023-2024 Alternative Instructional Hours Calendar Draft.pdf \(73 KB\)](#)

[2024-2025 Alternative Draft Calendar.pdf \(55 KB\)](#)

Administrative Content

Executive Content

Motion & Voting

Motion to approve the modified 2024/2025 calendar.

Motion by Willie Cowgur, second by Tatum Aicklen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Willie Cowgur, Kelly Carlson, Jennifer Faddis, Becky Guthrie, Joel Dunning, Jeremy Farmer, Tatum Aicklen

Motion to approve the revised 2023/2024 calendar.

Motion by Willie Cowgur, second by Joel Dunning.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Willie Cowgur, Kelly Carlson, Jennifer Faddis, Becky Guthrie, Joel Dunning, Jeremy Farmer, Tatum Aicklen

Motion to change the calendar from traditional to alternate.

Motion by Jeremy Farmer, second by Willie Cowgur.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Willie Cowgur, Kelly Carlson, Jennifer Faddis, Becky Guthrie, Joel Dunning, Jeremy Farmer, Tatum Aicklen

2023-2024 Calendar Draft Instructional Hours

2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
July	3	4	5	6	7
	10	11	12	13	14
	17	18	19	20	21
	24	25	26	27	28
	31				

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
August	31	1	2	3	4
	7	NTO	NTO	NTO	11
	TWD/SD	TWD/SD	TWD/SD	TWD/SD	TWD/SD
	14	15	16	17	18
	TWD/SD	TWD/SD	First Day		
	21	22	23	24	25
	28	29	30	31	

12 Days

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
September					1
	4	5	6	7	8
	Labor Day				
	11	12	13	14	15
	18	19	20	21	22

20 Days

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
October	2	3	4	5	6
	9	10	11	12	13
	16	17	18	19	20
	Fall Break				
	23	24	25	26	27

20 Days

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
November			1	2	3
	6	7	8	9	10
	13	14	15	16	17
	20	21	22	23	24
	Thanksgiving Break				
	27	28	29	30	

17 Days

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
December					1
	4	5	6	7	8
	11	12	13	14	15
	18	19	20	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29
	Winter Break				

83 student days in the first semester

14 Days

2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January	1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12
	TWD				TWD
	HLK Day	16	17	18	19
	IWD	23	24	25	26

16 Days

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
February				1	2
	5	6	7	8	9
	IWD	13	14	15	16
	ICD	19	20	21	22
	26	27	28	29	

21 Days

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March					1
	4	5	6	7	8
	11	12	13	14	15
	18	19	20	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29

16 Days

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April	1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19
	22	23	24	25	26
	29	30			

22 Days

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May			1	2	3
	6	7	8	9	10
	13	14	15	16	17
	20	21	22	23	24
	Memorial Day	28	29	Last Day	30
	PD/TWD				31

20 Days

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
June	PD/TWD	TWD	Flex TWD	TWD	TWD
	3	4	5	6	7
	10	11	12	13	14
	17	18	19	20	21

95 student days 2nd semester

As of 1/30/2024 current hours used for inclement weather
1/12, 1/16, 1/17, 1/22, 2/12 = 30.35 hours

179 - Student Days = 1,098.40 planned instructional hours
30.40 instructional hours to use for inclement weather (TWD)
1,098.40 - 30.40 = 1,068 instructional hours

192 - Teacher Days (includes 2 P/T conference release days; 4 TWD; 8 staff development days with *2 of 8 taken outside of contract time prior to May 31, 2024)

- Holiday - Schools Closed
- Staff Development
- School Beginning & Ending
- Teacher Workday
- NTO New Teacher Orientation