



DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY  
& SECONDARY EDUCATION

## Public School Waiver Request

<b>District:</b>	Sloan-Hendrix
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<b>Contact Phone:</b>	870-869-2384
<b>Date Received by DESE:</b>	

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

<b>Topic:</b>	School Start Date
<b>Standards/Statutes/Rules:</b>	A.C.A. 6-10-106
<b>Duration Requested:</b>	5 years
<b>Name of Open-Enrollment Charter Holding the Waiver</b>	Arkansas Virtual Academy Arkansas Connections Academy
<b>Schools, Grades or Classes the Wavier Will Apply To</b>	K-12
<b>PURPOSE OF THE WAIVER (Must check at least one)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance Student Learning Opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> Promote Innovation <input 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 member school districts of the Northeast Education 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 will be Monday, August 19.

We respectfully request a waiver to allow the Sloan-Hendrix School District to set their start date "no earlier" than August 12 for each of the next five school years.

The law as presently constructed results in the wide swing in the allowable opening date of school. At the earliest, it can be August 14 and the latest is August 20. This waiver would allow school to start next year on the same relative date as this year.

The waiver would allow for a more balanced calendar in relation to the number of days in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

The waiver will also allow for more days of instruction prior to spring testing.

The waiver will provide greater flexibility in making up inclement weather days prior to the end of May.

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

There will not be a loss of services for students under this waiver.

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

The district will monitor student assessment results and student attendance data related to the earlier start of the school year. By starting the school year earlier, it should have a positive effect on state assessment scores by increasing the number of student instruction days prior to state assessments.

Sloan-Hendrix School District  
#1 Greyhound Circle  
Imboden, Ar 72434  
February 9, 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SLOAN-HENDRIX SCHOOL DISTRICT  
AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO REQUEST A WAIVER

WHEREAS, the Sloan-Hendrix 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 district seeks an early start date waiver in order to begin the school year as early as August 12;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Sloan-Hendrix hereby authorizes the district administration to formally request a waiver for an early start date to begin the school year as early as August 12;

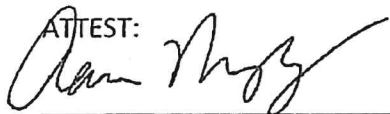
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent or designee is authorized to take all necessary steps and actions to submit the waiver request, including providing any additional information or documentation required by the relevant authorities;

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 February 9 by the Board of Directors of Sloan-Hendrix School District .

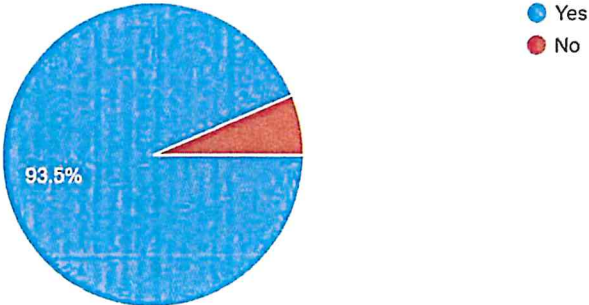
  
Ricky Benson, President  
Sloan-Hendrix Board of Directors

ATTEST:  
  
Dr. Aaron Murphy, Secretary  
Sloan-Hendrix Board of Directors

Faculty/Staff Survey

Would you support the district's effort in seeking a waiver to start school as early as August 12, 2024, in place of August 19, 2024?

62 responses



Parent Survey

The start date for the 2024-2025 school year is August 19. Would you support the district's effort in seeking a waiver to start school as early as August 12, 2024, in place of August 19, 2024?

109 responses

