

Application for a PILOT PROGRAM Waiver from the Basic Education Program Requirements for the Purposes of Economy and Efficiency

The Legislature gave the State Board of Education the authority through a pilot program to grant waivers from the basic education program requirement of 180 school days for the purposes of economy and efficiency (SHB 1292). The requirement that school districts offer an annual average instructional hour offering of at least one thousand hours cannot be waived. No more than five districts may be granted waivers. Two of the five waivers will be for school districts with less than one hundred fifty students and three of the waivers will be for school districts with between one hundred fifty-one and five hundred students. Waivers may be granted for up to three years and all waivers granted under this pilot program expire no later than August 31, 2014.

Under the new law, SBE will analyze empirical evidence annually from school districts with waivers to determine whether the reduction in days is affecting student learning. If SBE determines that student learning is adversely affected, SBE will notify the school district to discontinue the flexible calendar as soon as possible but not later than the beginning of the next school year after the determination has been made.

Directions:

Waiver requests must use this Waiver Application Form and submit it in full to the State Board of Education at least thirty (30) days prior to the SBE meeting where consideration of the waiver will occur. Districts or schools are responsible for finding out when the State Board of Education meetings are held. The Board's meeting schedule is posted on its website <http://www.sbe.wa.gov> or may be obtained by contacting the Board by calling 360-725-6025 or emailing to sbe@k12.wa.us.

The application must be accompanied by a **proposed calendar** for the school day and school year that demonstrates how the instructional hour requirement will be maintained and a **resolution** adopted and signed by the district board of directors requesting the waiver. The **resolution shall identify:**

- The number of days to be waived.
- Identification of the school years for the requested waiver.
- Assurance that the district will meet the annual average 1,000 hours of instructional hour offerings (RCW 28A.150.220 and WAC 180-16-215).
- A statement of understanding that at the end of each school year, if the State Board of Education determines that student learning is adversely affected, the school district shall discontinue the flexible calendar as soon as possible but not later than the beginning of the next school year after the determination has been made.

Complete applications (resolution, proposed calendars, application form, and supporting documents) should be submitted to:

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Olympia, WA 98504-7206; 360-725-6029; Fax 360-586-2357;
brad.burnham@k12.wa.us

Contact Information:

Name	
Title	
School District	
Phone	
Email	
Mailing Address	

Student Count:

	Count	Year
Most recent Student Count for the district? (please identify year)		
Estimate for the next student count? (if available)		

Current waiver status:

Any active waivers?	
If yes, please identify.	

Is the request for all schools in the district?

Yes or No?	
If no, which schools or grades?	

How many days are being requested to be waived and for which school years?

Number of Days.	
School Years.	

Will the district still meet the requirement under RCW 28A.150.220 that school districts offer an annual average instructional hour offering of at least one thousand hours?

Yes or No?	
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Details of Request:

(Please include as much detail as possible. The spaces will expand as you type or paste text)

Item 1: Estimates of gains from compressing the instructional hours into fewer than one hundred eighty days:

a. Explain and estimate the economies to be gained.

b. Explain and estimate the efficiencies to be gained.

Item 2: Explain the effect that the waiver will have on the financial position of the district.

Item 3: Explain how monetary savings from the proposal will be redirected to support student learning.

Item 4: Summarize the comments received at one or more public hearings on the proposal and how concerns will be addressed.

Item 5: Child nutrition program:

a. Explain the impact on students who rely upon free and reduced-price school child nutrition services.

b. Explain the impact on the ability of the child nutrition program to operate an economically independent program.

Item 6: Explain the impact on the ability to recruit and retain employees in education support positions.

Item 7: Explain the impact on students whose parents work during the missed school day.

Item 8: Explain how content is being accommodated from the waived days to the remaining days for elementary and secondary grades levels.

Item 9: Student achievement:

a. What assessments and observations will the district use to analyze student achievement over the course of the waiver?

b. Provide a set of student achievement data for the two previously-analyzed years (provide attachments, if preferred).

Last Steps

- Please print a copy for your records.
- Email or mail the school board resolution, proposed calendars, supporting documents, and this application to the email or mailing address on the first page.
- Thank you for completing this application.