

**FREQUENTLY-GRANTED WAIVERS (TO MORE THAN 25% OF ENTITIES)**

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TOPIC	Open-Enrollment Charters		District Conversion Charters		Schools of Innovation		Act 1240		Totals	
	24		28		26		57		135	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Teacher Licensure	24	100.00%	26	92.86%	7	26.92%	27	47.37%	84	62.22%
Flexible Schedule	9	37.50%	20	71.43%	20	76.92%	34	59.65%	83	61.48%
Curriculum	15	62.50%	19	67.86%	15	57.69%	6	10.53%	55	40.74%
Class Size/Teaching Load	15	62.50%	22	78.57%	8	30.77%	8	14.04%	53	39.26%
Library Media	23	95.83%	10	35.71%	3	11.54%	16	28.07%	52	38.52%
Principals	21	87.50%	13	46.43%	0	0.00%	3	5.26%	37	27.41%
Gifted & Talented / AP **	21	87.50%	11	39.29%	3	11.54%	0	0.00%	35	25.93%

\*\* Act 1136 of 2015, codified as Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2804(a)(10), requires schools of innovation to, "Comply with state law and rules regarding the education of gifted and talented students."

**NOTES ON SELECTED TOPICS**

Teacher Licensure	<p><b>NOTES:</b> Charters, districts, and schools of innovation with teacher licensure waivers must comply with Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Arkansas Qualified Teacher Requirements. See these rules at <a href="http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/legal/rules/current">http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/legal/rules/current</a>. Since the State Board of Education lacks the authority to waive federal law, licensure requirements for special education teachers are NOT WAIVED.</p>
Flexible Schedule	<p>Changes to the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing Distance and Digital Learning provide more options for districts. See these rules at <a href="http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/legal/rules/current">http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/legal/rules/current</a>.</p> <p><b>CAUTION:</b> To be accepted for high school credit by the NCAA, a course may have a time requirement.</p>
Curriculum	<p>Waivers included in the curriculum topic vary greatly and include waivers of the annual 38 unit requirement for open-enrollment charters that will not offer all high school grades in the first year of operation to waivers to allow elementary subjects to be imbedded.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Waivers are not needed to imbed high school courses. The Arkansas Department of Education course approval process should be followed. See <a href="http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/learning-services/curriculum-and-instruction/course-approvals">http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/learning-services/curriculum-and-instruction/course-approvals</a>.</p>