

# Charter Schools Unit

## Waiver Request Form 2025 - 2026 School Year

### Section 1: Administrative Data

District/ School/ Applicant:	
Superintendent/ POC:	
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	
District/ School LEA:	

### Section 2: Waiver Requests - **Total of 4 Requests**

Request # 1	Waiver Topic: Attendance		
	Arkansas Code Annotated:	<i>Insert Code Citation</i> 6-18-213(a)(2)(A)	<i>Insert Wording of Code copied directly from law</i> This basic record, showing the daily attendance and absence of each student for the school year, shall be kept by a teacher or other officially designated person who notes the attendance or absence of each student on a daily basis.
	Standard for Accreditation:	<i>Insert ADE Standard for Accreditation</i> 2-B.2	<i>Insert wording of Standard copied directly from the ADE Rules Governing the Standards for Accreditation, found here: <a href="#">Standards for Accreditation Resources</a></i> Each public school shall maintain accurate student attendance records in a format prescribed by the Division. (D/P)
	DESE Rules Governing:	<i>Cite any relevant DESE Rules, or N/A if there are not any relevant rules.</i> N/A	
	Rationale:	<i>Insert text describing rationale for waiver request.</i> ABC School will provide synchronous and asynchronous virtual instruction for grades 6-12 in area of the requested charter. Students will complete their assignments using the flex-scheduling model, which means students must have all assignments submitted by the due date at the end of the semester. Engagement is based on interaction and assignment submission within the ABC School platform rather than daily attendance on site.	



Request # 2	Waiver Topic: Clock Hours		
	<b>Arkansas Code Annotated:</b>	6-16-102(a)(2)(B)	However, subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section shall not apply to a public school district that implements an alternate school calendar under § 6-10-106(g).
	<b>Standard for Accreditation:</b>	1-A.4.2	Except where otherwise allowed by law, each public school shall provide a planned instructional day that averages no less than six (6) hours per day or thirty (30) hours per week. Any day in which fewer than six (6) hours of instructional time is provided to students shall be counted as one-half (1/2) of a school day if at least three (3) hours of instructional time is provided to students. Any day in which fewer than three (3) hours of instructional time is provided to students shall not be counted as part of a school day. (S/P)
	<b>DESE Rules Governing:</b>	N/A	
	<b>Rationale:</b>	ABC School will provide synchronous and asynchronous instruction using the flex-paced model. Students will vary individually in the amount of time required to complete their assignments and assessments. Some students may not need 120 clock hours or might need more than 120 clock hours to master the course.	

Request # 3	Waiver Topic: Flexible Schedule		
	<b>Arkansas Code Annotated:</b>	6-16-102(a)(1)(B)	However, "school day" for purposes of a public school district that implements an alternate school calendar under § 6-10-106(g) means a day in which classes are in session and students are under the guidance and direction of a teacher or public school employee.
	<b>Standard for Accreditation:</b>	1-A.4.2	Except where otherwise allowed by law, each public school shall provide a planned instructional day that averages no less than six (6) hours per day or thirty (30) hours per week. Any day in which fewer than six (6) hours of instructional time is provided to students shall be counted as one-half (1/2) of a school day if at least three (3) hours of instructional time is provided to students. Any day in which fewer than three (3) hours of instructional time is provided to students shall not be counted as part of a school day. (S/P)
	<b>DESE Rules Governing:</b>	N/A	
	<b>Rationale:</b>	ABC School will provide synchronous and asynchronous instruction for all required core subjects including accelerated and AP courses. ABC School is a flex-based virtual instructional program designed to give students the maximum opportunity and flexibility to complete assigned work and be successful.	



Request # 4	Waiver Topic:	Report Cards	
	<b>Arkansas Code Annotated:</b>	6-15-903(a)(2)	The report card shall be: <b>(A)</b> Mailed to the last known address of the student; <b>(B)</b> Given to a parent at a parent-teacher conference; or <b>(C)</b> Sent home with the student.
	<b>Standard for Accreditation:</b>	N/A	
	<b>DESE Rules Governing:</b>		
	<b>Rationale:</b>	ABC School's digital platform has FLEX scheduling. Students have 20 weeks from the date of enrollment to complete initial credit courses; students have 24-hour access to their courses. Parents and guardians have access to grades. Student's course completion is not based on a typical 9-week semester calendar. Students can work ahead and finish courses prior to the twenty-week deadline and enroll in new courses, which allows for accelerated learning. Parents can look at progress reports at any time on the platform or contact the coordinator for a printed version.	

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