

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Title: School-Based Calendar Waivers for Educational Purposes

Type of Executive Summary:

- Action
- Action on First Reading
- Discussion
- Information

Policy Implications:

- Constitution _____
- General Statute #GS 115C-84.2
- SBE Policy # _____
- SBE Policy Amendment
- SBE Policy (New)
- APA # _____
- APA Amendment
- APA (New)
- Other _____

Presenter(s): Mr. Rob Hines (Director, LEA Council)

Description:

School-based calendar waiver requests are submitted for State Board action per GS 115C-84.2, which states the State Board may waive the specified opening and closing dates for educational purposes that may include:

1) a specific school to accommodate a special program offered generally to the student body of that school, 2) a school that primarily serves a special population of students, or 3) a defined program within a school. Guilford County Schools originally submitted these waivers in February 2009. Unexpected changes resulted in withdrawal and re-submission of the waiver requests.

Resources:

N/A

Input Process:

N/A

Stakeholders:

Guilford County Schools, school staff, students, and parents

Timeline For Action:

This item is being presented for Action on First Reading at the May 2009 SBE meeting.

Recommendations:

The State Board is requested to review and approve the following calendar waivers for educational purposes.

Audiovisual equipment requested for the presentation:

- Data Projector/Video (Videotape/DVD and/or Computer Data, Internet, Presentations-PowerPoint preferred)
Specify: _____
- Audio Requirements (computer or other, except for PA system which is provided)
Specify: _____
- Document Camera (for transparencies or paper documents – white paper preferred)

 Motion By: _____ Seconded By: _____
 Vote: Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____
 Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Postponed _____ Revised _____

*Person responsible for SBE agenda materials and SBE policy updates: Susan Auton, 807-3435

School-Based Calendar Waiver Request 115C-84.2

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Demographic Information

School Year: 2009-2010

Date of Request: 1/21/09

LEA Name: Guilford County Schools

LEA Number: 410

School Name: The Academy at Smith

School Number: 390

Program Name: The Academy at Smith

Requested Opening Date: August 11, 2009

Requested Closing Date: May 26, 2010

This waiver request is based on an LEA establishing a need to adopt a different calendar based on special programs or student population for educational purposes. Attach all necessary documentation.

1. Describe the special program offered to the student body in the school that requires the opening date and/or closing date to be waived for the school.

Students enroll in college courses on the campus of Guilford Technical Community College. The Academic semester for the college ends with exams in December. Students need 90 days of instruction for high school classes.

2. Describe the special population of students within the school that requires the opening date and/or closing date to be waived for the school.

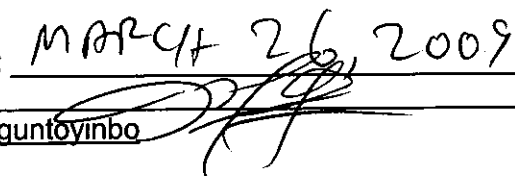
Juniors and Seniors are high school students enrolled in up to two college courses per semester.

3. Describe the program within the school that requires the opening and/or closing date to be waived for that program.

Students enrolled in our school take college courses while earning their high school diploma and graduate from high school with college credit.

4. If this program is an early/middle college program, please give the first day of classes for the fall semester at the host school.

Guilford Technical Community College begins in August.

Date of Local Board Approval: MARCH 26, 2009
Signature of Superintendent: 
LEA Contact Person: Lekan Oguntoyinbo

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Demographic Information

School Year: 2009-2010

Date of Request: 2/18/09

LEA Name: Guilford County Schools

LEA Number: 410

School Name: Johnson Street Global Studies Extended Year

School Number: 427

Program Name: Johnson Street Global Studies Extended Year

Requested Opening Date: August 5, 2009

Requested Closing Date: June 18, 2010

This waiver request is based on an LEA establishing a need to adopt a different calendar based on special programs or student population for educational purposes. Attach all necessary documentation.

1. Describe the special program offered to the student body in the school that requires the opening date and/or closing date to be waived for the school.

Johnson Street Global Studies Extended Year Magnet School is a 200 calendar day school that affords students the opportunity to have 20 extra days of instruction. The 2009-10 school year will begin on August 5, 2009 and end on June 18, 2010.

2. Describe the special population of students within the school that requires the opening date and/or closing date to be waived for the school.

Our students are accepted to our school based on the magnet/choice schools lottery. Students are eligible to apply if they are residents of Guilford County, excluding High Point. Our population is made up of 50% African American, 25% Caucasian, and 25% Other. We prepare students at Johnson Street Global to become active, knowledgeable citizens of a global society. Due to the extended year program, our students have routinely with met AYP goals and ABC Expected Growth status.

3. Describe the program within the school that requires the opening and/or closing date to be waived for that program.

In order for our school to have an additional twenty days of school built into our calendar, we must open and close our school year before and after the state mandated timeframe. This will allow our students the needed instruction to continue to meet state and national goals.

4. If this program is an early/middle college program, please give the first day of classes for the fall semester at the host school. N/A.

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Demographic Information

School Year: 2009-2010

Date of Request: 2/18/09

LEA Name: Guilford County Schools

LEA Number: 410

School Name: Brooks Global Studies Extended Year

School Number: 337

Program Name: Brooks Global Studies Extended Year

Requested Opening Date: August 5, 2009

Requested Closing Date: June 18, 2010

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1. Describe the special program offered to the student body in the school that requires the opening date and/or closing date to be waived for the school.

Brooks Global Studies Extended Year Magnet School is a 200 calendar day school that affords students the opportunity to have 20 extra days of instruction. The 2009-10 school year will begin on August 5, 2009 and end on June 18, 2010.

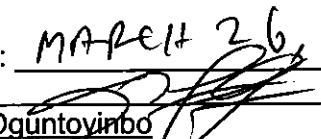
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Our students are accepted to our school based on the magnet/choice schools lottery. Students are eligible to apply if they are residents of Guilford County, excluding High Point. Our population is made up of 50% African American, 48% Caucasian, and 2% Other. We prepare students at Brooks Global to become active, knowledgeable citizens of a global society. Due to the extended year program, our students consistently are successful with meeting AYP goals and ABC High Growth status.

3. Describe the program within the school that requires the opening and/or closing date to be waived for that program.

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4. If this program is an early/middle college program, please give the first day of classes for the fall semester at the host school. N/A.

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Demographic Information

School Year: 2009-2010

Date of Request: 1/13/09

LEA Name: Guilford County Schools

LEA Number: 410

School Name: The Early College at Guilford

School Number: 395

Program Name: The Early College at Guilford

Requested Opening Date: August 10, 2009

Requested Closing Date: May 28, 2010

This waiver request is based on an LEA establishing a need to adopt a different calendar based on special programs or student population for educational purposes. Attach all necessary documentation.

1. Describe the special program offered to the student body in the school that requires the opening date and/or closing date to be waived for the school.

Students enroll in college courses offered by Guilford College. The Fall Semester for the college ends with exams in December. Our high school operates on a block schedule which requires students to have 90 days of instruction each semester.

2. Describe the special population of students within the school that requires the opening date and/or closing date to be waived for the school.

Students are high school students in grades 9-12 who are enrolled Guilford College courses during the 11th and 12th grades.

3. Describe the program within the school that requires the opening and/or closing date to be waived for that program.

Students enrolled in our school take college courses while earning their high school diplomas. Students can graduate from high school with up to two years of transferable college credits.

4. If this program is an early/middle college program, please give the first day of classes for the fall semester at the host school.

The first day of classes for The Early College at Guilford is August 10, 2009.

Date of Local Board Approval: MARCH 26, 2009
Signature of Superintendent: [Signature]
LEA Contact Person: Lekan Oguntoyinbo

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Demographic Information

School Year: 2009-10

Date of Request: 2/13/09

LEA Name: Guilford County Schools

LEA Number: 410

School Name: Middle College at Bennett

School Number: 326

Program Name: Middle College at Bennett

Requested Opening Date: August 11, 2009

Requested Closing Date: May 26, 2010

This waiver request is based on an LEA establishing a need to adopt a different calendar based on special programs or student population for educational purposes. Attach all necessary documentation.

1. Describe the special program offered to the student body in the school that requires the opening date and/or closing date to be waived for the school.

Students enroll in college courses offered by Bennett College for Women. The academic semester for the college ends with exams in December. Students need 90 days of instruction for high school classes.

2. Describe the special population of students within the school that requires the opening date and/or closing date to be waived for the school.

Students are high school students in grades 9-12 who are enrolled in up to two college courses per semester.

3. Describe the program within the school that requires the opening and/or closing date to be waived for that program.

Students enrolled in our school take college courses while earning their high school diploma and graduate from high school with up to two years of transferable college credits.

4. If this program is an early/middle college program, please give the first day of classes for the fall semester at the host school.

The first day of classes for Bennett College for Women is August 24, 2009.

Date of Local Board Approval: _____

MARCH 26, 2009

Signature of Superintendent: _____

LEA Contact Person: Lekan Oguntoyinbo

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Date of Request: 1/13/09

LEA Name: Guilford County Schools

LEA Number: 410

School Name: Middle College at NCA&T

School Number: 483

Program Name: Middle College at NCA&T

Requested Opening Date: August 11, 2009

Requested Closing Date: May 26, 2010

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1. Describe the special program offered to the student body in the school that requires the opening date and/or closing date to be waived for the school.

Students enroll in college courses offered by NCA&T State University. The academic semester for the college ends with exams in December. Students need 90 days of instruction for high school classes.

2. Describe the special population of students within the school that requires the opening date and/or closing date to be waived for the school.

Students are high school students in grades 9-12 who are enrolled in up to two college courses per semester.

3. Describe the program within the school that requires the opening and/or closing date to be waived for that program.

Students enrolled in our school take college courses while earning their high school diploma and graduate from high school with up to two years of transferable college credits.

4. If this program is an early/middle college program, please give the first day of classes for the fall semester at the host school.

The first day of classes for NCA&T State University is August 24, 2009.

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Date of Request: 1/13/09

LEA Name: Guilford County Schools

LEA Number: 410

School Name: Greensboro College Middle College

School Number: 390

Program Name: Greensboro College Middle College

Requested Opening Date: August 10, 2009

Requested Closing Date: May 22, 2010

This waiver request is based on an LEA establishing a need to adopt a different calendar based on special programs or student population for educational purposes. Attach all necessary documentation.

1. Describe the special program offered to the student body in the school that requires the opening date and/or closing date to be waived for the school.

Students enroll in college courses offered by Greensboro College. The academic semester for the college ends with exams in December. Students need 90 days of instruction for high school classes each semester.

2. Describe the special population of students within the school that requires the opening date and/or closing date to be waived for the school.

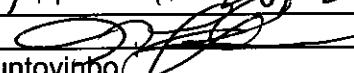
Students are high school students in grades 11-12 who are enrolled in up to three college courses per semester.

3. Describe the program within the school that requires the opening and/or closing date to be waived for that program.

Students enrolled in our school take college courses while earning their high school diploma and graduate from high school with up to one year of transferable college credits.

4. If this program is an early/middle college program, please give the first day of classes for the fall semester at the host school.

The first day of classes for Greensboro College is August 26, 2009.

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School Year: 2009-2010

Date of Request: 1/21/09

LEA Name: Guilford County Schools

LEA Number: 410

School Name: Washington Montessori School

School Number: 586

Program Name: Washington Montessori School

Requested Opening Date: August 10, 2009

Requested Closing Date: June 21, 2010

This waiver request is based on an LEA establishing a need to adopt a different calendar based on special programs or student population for educational purposes. Attach all necessary documentation.

1. Describe the special program offered to the student body in the school that requires the opening date and/or closing date to be waived for the school.

Washington became a Partial Magnet Public Montessori School in the 2008-2009 school year. The Montessori Philosophy focuses on the child's cognitive, social, emotional, and moral development and exploratory multi-sensory learning. Due to the school's status under the No Child Left Behind Act, restructuring was required and the Montessori Curriculum was selected.

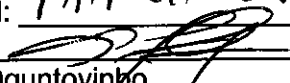
2. Describe the special population of students within the school that requires the opening date and/or closing date to be waived for the school.

Kindergarten through fifth grade students.

3. Describe the program within the school that requires the opening and/or closing date to be waived for that program.

Provisions of the MSAP grant indicate extended year for Washington in an attempt to provide additional instructional days for historically at-risk students.

4. If this program is an early/middle college program, please give the first day of classes for the fall semester at the host school. N/A.

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