

School-Based Calendar Waiver Request
115C-84.2
Individual School or Program
for Educational Purposes

Except for year-round schools and schools designated by the LEA as having, or planning to have, a modified calendar in 2003-04, the opening date for students shall not be before August 25, and the closing date shall not be after June 10.

The State Board of Education may waive this requirement for a specific school or program within a school if a local education agency establishes a need to adopt a different calendar for one of the following educational purposes:

- i. a specific school to accommodate a special program offered generally to the student body of that school,**
- ii. a school that primarily serves a special population of students, or**
- iii. a defined program within a school.**

Instructions: Complete this form to request a calendar waiver for a specific school. Demographic information must be filled out for each individual request. The completed form must be received by DPI by **November 1** of the preceding school year.

Demographic Information

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.

Date of Local Board Approval: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

LEA Contact Person: Lekan Oguntoyinbo

Questions concerning the completion of this form should be addressed to Innovation and School Transformation at 919.807.3200.

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