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As you probably have heard, many schools in Arkansas have made changes to their school calendars for the upcoming school year. Most of the changes are related to what is called an "Alternate Calendar". School Districts can set their calendars based on 178 student-teacher interaction days or on 1,068 student-teacher interaction hours. The alternate calendar allows districts more flexibility when planning for the school year.

The Salem School District has adopted an alternate calendar, but the calendar as you will see is still very much a traditional calendar. The biggest change to the calendar is the addition of ten extra minutes to the instructional day. By adding these ten minutes each day, we will be able to offer the following:

- 6 additional days off for our students during holidays spread throughout the school year
- A full week off for students during the Thanksgiving Break (previously three days)
- 2 full weeks off during the Christmas Break (previously eight days)
- Start our parent-teacher conferences at 2:00 p.m. (this allows every parent to be able to see the teachers)
- Begin the school year and end the school year at the same time as before

The Salem School District did not adopt an alternate calendar previously, because alternate calendars could not access AMI days. Now that no calendar can access AMI days, it is time to make this transition for our students and their families.

The 2023-2024 school year will begin on August 14, 2023, and the last day of the school year (without inclement weather) will be May 14, 2024. School will begin at 7:55 a.m. and the instructional day will end at 3:05 p.m. This additional ten minutes will provide our students and staff with some much needed flexibility.

The 2023-2024 calendar is attached to this memo.

Thank you,



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SALEM SCHOOLS

2023

July						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

August						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

September						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

October						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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November						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

December						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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School Day: 7:55 AM - 3:05 PM

374 minutes per day

284 minutes per day on Parent-Teacher Conference Days

306 minutes on the last day of school

2023-2024 District Calendar

Alternate Calendar

Grading Period Begins	
August 14	First Day of School
October 12	Beginning of Second Quarter
January 2	Beginning of Third Quarter
March 4	Beginning of Fourth Quarter

Grading Period Ends	
October 11	End of First Quarter
December 15	End of Second Quarter
March 1	End of Third Quarter
May 14	Last Day of School

Parent/Teacher Conferences	
October 17	Fall Parent/Teacher Conference
March 7	Spring Parent/Teacher Conference

No Classes		
Start Date	End Date	Description
September 4	September 4	Holiday
November 20	November 24	Holiday
December 18	January 1	Holiday
January 15	January 15	Holiday
February 19	February 19	Holiday
March 18	March 22	Spring Break
April 8	April 8	No Classes

Staff Development	
Start Date	End Date
August 7	August 10

Open House	
August 10	

In accordance with Arkansas Code Ann. § 6-10-106 (d), as amended by Act 1469 of 2009, Five (5) extra days are built into the Arkansas Public School Computer Network (APSCN) calendar as make-up days:
May 14, 15, 16, 17, 20

The following order will be used for making up days missed due to inclement weather:

May 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28

This schedule includes 1,068 hours (172 days) student/teacher interaction time, two parent/teacher conferences, and four staff development days.

The Salem School District will provide 24 hours (4 days) of required staff development the week before school starts (August 7-10). Teachers must obtain 60 hours (10 days) of staff development before August 14, 2023.

Teachers are contracted for 190 days. The 190 contract days will include 1,068 hours (172 days) student/teacher interaction time, two parent/teacher conferences, 36 flex hours and ten staff development days.

2024

January						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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February						
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March						
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April						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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28	29	30				

May						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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June						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Quarter 1 - 15,708 minutes - 261.8 Hours

Quarter 2 - 15,618 minutes - 260.3 Hours

Quarter 3 - 15,708 minutes - 261.8 Hours

Quarter 4 - 17,046 minutes - 284.1 hours

Total - 64,080 Minutes - 1068 Hours

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