

Summary For ACOE Board & CAC

The Amador County Office of Education (ACOE) is requesting a waiver to modify the required Special Education extended school year from 20 days to 15 days. ACOE ESY will utilize a 15-day schedule of 5 hours per day, totaling 75 hours of in-person instruction with 5 hours of additional asynchronous instruction for Kinder thru Transition and 4 hours per day for Preschool. Operating under this model provides for the equivalent number of instructional minutes for students, while maximizing attendance and staffing options

ACOE operates a modified year-round schedule. It is difficult to have families attend a 20-day ESY program and also difficult to staff a 20-day ESY program, because it impedes families' and staff's ability to take summer vacations with their families.

In addition, ACOE serves a large geographical region that requires long bus rides for students, many of whom are medically fragile. The proposed ESY schedule with longer school days will better accommodate the many students who require Designated Instructional Services. ACOE also asserts that modifying the ESY schedule to 3 weeks with extended daily time will maximize student learning, and lessen the typical drops in attendance during the final week of the program. In addition, we have learned that longer school days provide greater opportunity for instructional impact.

An unintentional positive consequence is that fewer ESY days will also result in substantial savings in transportation, utilities, food services, janitorial, administration, and clerical costs.

This schedule will also help the ACOE to hire highly qualified special education teachers currently employed while allowing teaching and paraeducator staff additional time to pursue professional development, higher education goals, and time to re-energize and prepare for the next school year.

The program K-Transition will be a total of 80 hours;

June 7, 2021 – June 25, 2021;
5 hours/day (75 hours) in-person instruction with 5 hours asynchronous instruction

PreK will be a total of 60 hours
June 7, 2021 – June 25, 2021;
4 hours/day

Bargaining Unit Date: **3/22/21**
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