

Neah-Kah-Nie School District 56

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Dear Ms. Nazarov;

I would like to request a waiver in accordance with Division 22 standards under OAR 581-022-1920.

In short, this year we are not meeting the 130 hour requirement per credit but we are over the 990 hours required per year by a significant amount. This was due to several circumstances: The district calendar was unbalanced in the number of days per trimester. We had 2 days of inclement weather closures this winter, and we had a high school schedule that assumed the 130 hours could also be reduced with board approval for professional development, weather and senior graduation (like the 990 hours can be).

- What is the district's plan for getting back into compliance by 2015-16?

We have a more balanced district calendar and revised our high school schedule from 67 minute periods each day to 71 minutes each period which will result in the required number of seat hours per credit.

- How does a waiver serve the best interests of students?

It will maintain consistency with our students graduation planning and enables them to meet course requirements (our district requires 28 credits for graduation).

- Does the district have furlough days during which students are not receiving instruction?

We have never had furlough days for students.

Please let me know if there is anything else I need to do, or if this request is sufficient for you to send on.

Thank you for your assistance.

Dr. Heidi Buckmaster, Principal Neah-Kah-Nie High School