



1003 Flexibility

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To: Indiana State Board of Education
From: Office of School Support and Transformation
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Subject: 1003 Flexibility Waivers

I. **Basis for Agency Review**

During the 2020 legislative session, the Indiana General Assembly enacted P.L. 92-2020, which, in relevant part, permits a school or group of schools to apply to the State Board of Education (Board) for flexibility and to waive compliance with various provisions outlined in Title 20 of the Indiana Code and Title 511 of the Indiana Administrative Code. The flexibility is provided in the form of a 1003 Flexibility Waiver.

II. **Requests for 1003 Flexibility Waivers under IC 20-31-4.1-4**

To obtain a 1003 Flexibility Waiver, schools must submit an application that includes the following:¹

- (1) A list of one or more provisions in Title 20 of the Indiana Code and/or Title 511 of the Indiana Administrative Code the school or group of schools is requesting the Board waive.
- (2) The specific goal(s) and/or outcome(s) the school or group of schools intends to achieve by waiving the provisions identified in the application.
- (3) An explanation of how the specific goal(s) and/or outcome(s) the school or group of schools intends to achieve are likely to be achieved by waiving compliance with the provisions identified in the application.

¹ Ind. Code § 20-31-4.1-4(b).



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- (4) The performance benchmarks and data that will be used to determine whether the specific goal(s) and/or outcome(s) identified by the school or group of schools have been achieved.
- (5) A resolution adopted by the governing body of the school or group of schools authorizing the submission of the 1003 Flexibility Waiver application.

After reviewing a school's 1003 Flexibility Waiver request, the Board may grant the school a waiver if the Board determines (1) that the waiver request is related to a specific goal or outcome of the school or group of schools², and (2) that granting the waiver will likely:³

- (1) Improve student performance and outcomes.
- (2) Offer the school or group of schools making the request flexibility in the administration of educational programs or improve the efficiency of school operations.
- (3) Promote innovative educational approaches to student learning, or
- (4) Advance the mission or purpose of the school or group of schools.

In other words, if the Board determines that a waiver request is not related to a specific goal or outcome of the school or group of schools, the request cannot be granted, and the waiver must be denied. Additionally, if the Board determines that granting a waiver is unlikely to improve student performance and outcomes, offer the school or group of schools making the request flexibility in the administration of educational programs or improve the efficiency of school operations, promote innovative educational approaches to student learning; or advance the mission or purpose of the school or group of schools, the request cannot be granted, and the waiver must be denied. Finally, IC 20-31-4.1-7 contains a list of provisions that may not be waived. Thus, a request to waive any of the provisions enumerated in IC 20-31-4.1-7 cannot be granted and must ultimately be denied.

² Ind. Code § 20-31-4.1-5(a).

³ Ind. Code § 20-31-4.1-5(b).



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III. Request(s) and Recommendation(s)

The IDOE has reviewed the submitted applications and applied criteria to determine if the LEA qualifies for a three-year waiver. The criteria are based on the benchmark data in the following categories from the Indiana GPS Dashboard: 3rd-grade Literacy, 6th-grade Math Growth, Graduation Pathways Completion, College & Career Credentials, and Employment & Enrollment. To qualify for a three-year waiver, an LEA must meet or show growth toward the benchmark goals in four out of the five categories listed above.

The Board has received 21 requests for a 1003 Flexibility Waiver from the following school corporations:

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After reviewing the requests, it has been determined that the corporations' applications include the statutorily required information and are eligible for consideration by the Board. For the statutory and regulatory provisions included in the requests, the Department recommends the following:

Virtual Student Instructional Day Requirement

The school corporation(s) listed below request the flexibility to waive IC 20-30-2-2.7, to expand the number of virtual student instructional days their corporations may employ during the 2024-2025 school year.

NOTE: *School corporations will have the opportunity to be supported by the Office of Digital Learning during the implementation of their waiver plan. The waiver is approved for up to three school years, contingent upon annual review and renewal by the Indiana State Board of Education.

1) Alexandria Community School Corporation (5265)

- a. IC 20-30-2-2.7 (Virtual Student Instructional Day) – **Grant** (2024-2025 school year only*)

Dispensations	Commitments/Justification
<p>IC 20-30-2-2.7 (Virtual Instructional Day) Limit to 3 virtual student instructional days.</p> <p>Authorize Alexandria Community School Corporation to count three (3) additional virtual student instructional days for a total of six (6) virtual student instructional days.</p>	<p>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 54,000 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000) - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 64,800 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)



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2) New Castle Community School Corporation (3445)

- a. IC 20-30-2-2.7 (Virtual Student Instructional Day) – **Grant** (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year*)

Dispensations	Commitments/Justification
<p>IC 20-30-2-2.7 (Virtual Instructional Day) Limit to 3 virtual student instructional days.</p> <p>Authorize New Castle Community School Corporation to count two (2) additional virtual student instructional days for a total of five (5) virtual student instructional days.</p>	<p>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 54,000 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000) - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 64,800 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)

3) Randolph Eastern School Corporation (6835)

- a. IC 20-30-2-2.7 (Virtual Student Instructional Day) – **Grant** (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year*)

Dispensations	Commitments/Justification
<p>IC 20-30-2-2.7 (Virtual Instructional Day) Limit to 3 virtual student instructional days.</p> <p>Authorize Randolph Eastern School Corporation to count six (6) additional virtual student instructional days for a total of nine (9) virtual student instructional days.</p>	<p>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 54,000 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000) - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 64,800 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)



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4) Fairfield Community Schools (2155)

- a. IC 20-30-2-2.7 (Virtual Student Instructional Day) – **Grant** (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year*)

Dispensations	Commitments/Justification
<p>IC 20-30-2-2.7 (Virtual Instructional Day) Limit to 3 virtual student instructional days.</p> <p>Authorize Fairfield Community Schools to count one (1) additional virtual student instructional days for a total of four (4) virtual student instructional days.</p>	<p>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 54,000 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000) - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 64,800 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)

5) Lake Ridge New Tech Schools (4650)

- a. IC 20-30-2-2.7 (Virtual Student Instructional Day) – **Grant** (2024-2025 school year only*)

Dispensations	Commitments/Justification
<p>IC 20-30-2-2.7 (Virtual Instructional Day) Limit to 3 virtual student instructional days.</p> <p>Authorize Lake Ridge New Tech Schools to count six (6) additional virtual student instructional days for a total of nine (9) virtual student instructional days.</p>	<p>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 54,000 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000) - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 64,800 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)



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6) South Madison Community School Corporation (5255)

- a. IC 20-30-2-2.7 (Virtual Student Instructional Day) – **Grant** (2024-2025 school year only*)

Dispensations	Commitments/Justification
<p>IC 20-30-2-2.7 (Virtual Instructional Day) Limit to 3 virtual student instructional days.</p> <p>Authorize South Madison Community School Corporation to count two (2) additional virtual student instructional days for a total of five (5) virtual student instructional days.</p>	<p>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Grades 1-6: Students will receive 54,000 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)- Grades 7-12: Students will receive 64,800 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)

Instructional Day Requirements⁴

The school corporations listed below are requesting flexibility to waive the statutory minimum requirements outlined in IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) and count instructional days that do not meet this requirement towards the 180-day minimum outlined in IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year). Each school corporation has a unique purpose for their request, but all generally center around the ability to facilitate job-embedded professional development within the existing teacher contract. In exchange for this flexibility, each school corporation listed below commits to facilitating at least the equivalent number of minutes/hours of instruction to what is required in Indiana law. Each school corporation will accomplish this by lengthening the school day to make up for lost instructional time during a delayed start or early dismissal day.

NOTE: All school corporations in this section will continue to conduct 180 instructional days and may only count three virtual instructional days towards the 180-day requirement.

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7) MSD of Shakamak (2960)

- a. IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) – **Grant** (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)

Dispensations	Commitments/Justification
<p>IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) Waive the minimum length of a student instructional day, which requires a student instructional day in grades 1 through 6 consists of at least five (5) hours of instructional time and a student instructional day in grades 7 through 12 consists of at least six (6) hours of instructional time.</p>	<p>MSD of Shakamak may conduct fourteen (14), ninety-five (95) minute early releases in the school year to conduct staff professional development.</p> <p>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 58,140 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000) - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 67,070 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)

8) East Gibson School Corporation (2725)

- a. IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) – **Grant** (2024-2025 school year only)

Dispensations	Commitments/Justification
<p>IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) Waive the minimum length of a student instructional day, which requires a student instructional day in grades 1 through 6 consists of at least five (5) hours of instructional time and a student instructional day in grades 7 through 12 consists of at least six (6) hours of instructional time.</p>	<p>East Gibson School Corporation may conduct nine (9), one (1) hour late starts in the school year to conduct staff professional development.</p> <p>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 61,740 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000) - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 65,824 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)



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9) Paoli Community School Corporation (6155)

a. IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) – **Grant** (2024-2025 school year only)

Dispensations	Commitments/Justification
<p>IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) Waive the minimum length of a student instructional day, which requires a student instructional day in grades 1 through 6 consists of at least five (5) hours of instructional time and a student instructional day in grades 7 through 12 consists of at least six (6) hours of instructional time.</p>	<p>Paoli Community School Corporation may conduct nine (9), three (3) hour early releases in the school year to conduct staff professional development.</p> <p>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 60,480 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000) - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 57,780 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)

10) MSD of New Durham Township (4860)

a. IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) – **Grant** (2024-2025 school year only)

Dispensations	Commitments/Justification
<p>IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) Waive the minimum length of a student instructional day, which requires a student instructional day in grades 1 through 6 consists of at least five (5) hours of instructional time and a student instructional day in grades 7 through 12 consists of at least six (6) hours of instructional time.</p>	<p>MSD of New Durham Township may conduct four (4), three (3) hour early releases in the school year to conduct staff professional development.</p> <p>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 59,560 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000) - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 67,363 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)



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School Year Requirement

The school corporations listed below are requesting flexibility to waive the statutory minimum requirements for a school year outlined in IC 20-30-2-3, which requires 180 instructional days. All of the applications below are seeking flexibility to offer staff professional development within the existing teacher contract, and all commit to providing the minimum equivalent of in-person instructional minutes that would serve as the equivalent of 180 instructional days.

11) Adams Central Community Schools (0015)

- a. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) – **Grant** (2024-2025 school year only)

Dispensations	Commitments/Justification
<p>IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) Each school year must have 180 instructional days.</p> <p>Authorize Adams Central Community Schools to conduct a school year that consists of 177 instructional days.</p>	<p>Adams Central Community Schools shall conduct three (3) full days of professional development in lieu of the reduced number of student instructional days.</p> <p>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 64,605 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000) - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 69,030 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)



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12) MSD Southwest Allen County (0125)

- a. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) – **Grant** (2024-2025 school year only)
- b. IC 20-30-2-2.7 (Virtual Student Instructional Day) – **Grant** (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only*)

Dispensations	Commitments/Justification
<p>IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) Each school year must have 180 instructional days.</p> <p>Authorize MSD Southwest Allen County to conduct a school year that consists of 176 instructional days.</p> <p>IC 20-30-2-2.7 (Virtual Instructional Day) Limit to 3 virtual student instructional days.</p> <p>Authorize MSD Southwest Allen County to count one (1) additional virtual student instructional days for a total of four (4) virtual student instructional days.</p>	<p>MSD Southwest Allen County shall conduct four (4) full days of professional development in lieu of the reduced number of student instructional days.</p> <p>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 54,000 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000) - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 64,800 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)



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13) Shoals Community Schools (5520)

a. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) – **Grant** (2024-2025 school year only)

Dispensations	Commitments/Justification
<p>IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) Each school year must have 180 instructional days.</p> <p>Authorize Shoals Community Schools to conduct a school year that consists of 177 instructional days.</p>	<p>Shoals Community Schools shall conduct three (3) full days of professional development in lieu of the reduced number of student instructional days.</p> <p>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Grades 1-6: Students will receive 63,720 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)- Grades 7-12: Students will receive 69,030 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)



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14) Pike County School Corporation (6445)

a. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) – **Grant** (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)

Dispensations	Commitments/Justification
<p>IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) Each school year must have 180 instructional days.</p> <p>Authorize Pike County School Corporation to conduct a school year that consists of 176 instructional days.</p>	<p>Pike County School Corporation shall conduct four (4) full days of professional development in lieu of the reduced number of student instructional days.</p> <p>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 60,840 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000) - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 67,140 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)



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15) North Miami Community Schools (5620)

a. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) – **Grant** (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)

Dispensations	Commitments/Justification
<p>IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) Each school year must have 180 instructional days.</p> <p>Authorize North Miami Community Schools to conduct a school year that consists of 176 instructional days.</p>	<p>North Miami Community Schools shall conduct four (4) full days of professional development in lieu of the reduced number of student instructional days.</p> <p>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 65,472 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000) - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 71,280 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)

16) MSD North Posey (6600)

a. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) – **Grant** (2024-2025 school year only)

Dispensations	Commitments/Justification
<p>IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) Each school year must have 180 instructional days.</p> <p>Authorize MSD North Posey to conduct a school year that consists of 177 instructional days.</p>	<p>MSD North Posey shall conduct three (3) full days of professional development in lieu of the reduced number of student instructional days.</p> <p>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 59,295 minutes of



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	<p>in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 69,030 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)
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17) East Washington School Corporation (8215)

a. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) – **Grant** (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)

Dispensations	Commitments/Justification
<p>IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) Each school year must have 180 instructional days.</p> <p>Authorize East Washington School Corporation to conduct a school year that consists of 176 instructional days.</p>	<p>East Washington School Corporation shall conduct four (4) full days of professional development in lieu of the reduced number of student instructional days.</p> <p>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 61,600 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000) - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 67,760 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)



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18) South Adams Schools (0035)

a. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) – **Grant** (2024-2025 school year only)

Dispensations	Commitments/Justification
<p>IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) Each school year must have 180 instructional days.</p> <p>Authorize South Adams Schools to conduct a school year that consists of 176 instructional days.</p>	<p>South Adams Schools shall conduct four (4) full days of professional development in lieu of the reduced number of student instructional days.</p> <p>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 64,416 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000) - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 69,520 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)

19) Crawford County Community School Corporation (1300)

a. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) – **Grant** (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)

Dispensations	Commitments/Justification
<p>IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) Each school year must have 180 instructional days.</p> <p>Authorize Crawford County Community School Corporation to conduct a school year that consists of 177 instructional days.</p>	<p>Crawford County Community School Corporation shall conduct three (3) full days of professional development in lieu of the reduced number of student instructional days.</p> <p>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 62,100 minutes of



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	<p>in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 66,600 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)
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Civics Education Standards

Beginning with students entering grade 6 in the 2023-2024 school year, each school corporation, charter school, and state-accredited nonpublic school shall require each student at the school corporation, charter school, or state-accredited nonpublic school to successfully complete in grades 6, 7, or 8 one (1) semester of a civics education course.

20) St. Thomas More Academy (A311)

- a. IC 20-19-2-14.7 (Civics Education) – **Grant** (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)

Dispensations	Commitments/Justification
<p>IC 20-30-5-7.3 (Civics Education). Starting in the 2023-2024 school year, students entering grade 6 shall require each student of the school corporation, charter school, or state-accredited nonpublic school to successfully complete in grade 6, 7, or 8 one (1) semester of a civics education course.</p> <p>Authorize St. Thomas More Academy to offer a Civics Education course in the 5th grade</p>	<p>St. Thomas More Academy shall offer a Civics Education course in the fifth (5) grade in lieu of offering it in the sixth (6) grade.</p> <p>Due to the Civics course being offered a year earlier, St. Thomas More Academy will ensure all students in grades 5 are credited appropriately on all transcripts.</p>



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Amendment for 23/24 School Year 1003 Flexibility Memo

Justification for Amendment

The IDOE discovered a misinterpretation of the waiver request submitted by LEA's (local education agency) for IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year), whereas each school year must have 180 instructional days and for IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Minutes), whereas each school day consist of a certain amount of instructional time. After identifying the issues with the number of instructional minutes being reported and additional clarifications from the LEA's, the IDOE is recommending an amendment to the flexibility waiver listed below.

21) Triton School Corporation (5495)

- a. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) – **Grant** (2023-2024 school year only)
- b. IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) – **Grant** (2023-2024 school year only)

Dispensations	Commitments/Justification
<p>IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year). Each school year must have 180 instructional days.</p> <p>IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) Waive the minimum length of a student instructional day, which requires a student instructional day in grades 1 through 6 consists of at least five (5) hours of instructional time and a student instructional day in grades 7 through 12 consists of at least six (6) hours of instructional time.</p> <p>Authorize Triton School Corporation to conduct a school year that consists of 176 instructional days.</p>	<p>Triton School Corporation shall conduct four (4) full days of professional development in lieu of the reduced number of student instructional days.</p> <p>Triton School Corporation may conduct three (3), two (2) hour late starts in the school year to conduct staff professional development.</p> <p>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 54,000 60,000 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000 minutes) - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 64,8000 70,800 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)



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