MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Janet Barresi
DATE: May 24, 2012
SUBJECT: Deregulation for an Abbreviated School Day

The following schools are requesting deregulation from OAC 210:35-29-2 and OAC 210:35-3-46 for the 2012-2013 school year in order to have an Abbreviated School Day for Alternative Education. Approval is recommended.

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* The number in the County category represents the Congressional District. See the attached map.

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Attachments
210:35-29-2. Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this Subchapter, shall have the following meaning, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

"Alternative Education" means an educational process incorporating appropriate structure, curriculum, interaction, and reinforcement strategies to stimulate learning with students who have not utilized their capacity to do so within traditional educational settings.

"Abbreviated school day" means, for purposes of an alternative education program approved by the State Board of Education, a school day which consists of not less than four (4) hours and 12 minutes per day devoted to school activities for the locally approved 180-day school calendar.
STANDARD III

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

210:35-3-41. Statement of the standard

The school is organized to ensure the achievement of its goals. The working relationships among the local board, superintendent, principal, and staff are such as to facilitate the successful functioning of all phases of the school's program. The principal of the school has the autonomy and authority to provide the leadership needed to accomplish the goals of the school. The school is provided with sufficient professional and service personnel to ensure effective operation of all phases of the school's program. The school is organized in a manner that encourages new and innovative ideas designed to improve the program and to help the school adapt to changing conditions.

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210:35-3-46. Administrative and supervisory services

(a) The school site shall be part of a system employing a full-time superintendent. No board of a school district having average daily membership (ADM) of fewer than 500 students shall be prohibited from allowing a superintendent with the appropriate certificate to serve simultaneously as a principal. [70 O.S. § 5-106] If a vacancy occurs in the superintendency during the course of the school year, a certified replacement must be employed within 45 school days.

(b) It shall further be the responsibility of the local board, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, to employ an administrative head to be known as a principal for each of the schools within the district. Private schools shall employ a full-time principal/headmaster. An elementary district shall employ a full-time elementary superintendent. With the exception of requirements for certification, the term superintendent as used in these standards shall mean an elementary school superintendent, headmaster, or superintendent. Full-time is defined as employed full time, and therefore allows these administrators to teach.

(c) Instructional leadership shall be the chief function of the school's principal. The principal shall be responsible for the improvement of instruction and be given the authority and resources needed to accomplish this goal. The principal shall help clarify the goals of the school, help obtain resources for it, coordinate its various activities, and promote its continuous evaluation to determine improvements needed.

(d) Lines of administrative and supervisory authority between the central office staff and the principal shall be defined clearly and shall give the principal responsibility for initiating appropriate changes to meet the needs of the students.

(e) The principal shall be involved in the selection, assessment, evaluation, retention, and promotion of all personnel assigned to the school.

(1) All certified administrative personnel designated by a local board to conduct evaluations shall be required to participate in training conducted by the State Department of Education prior to evaluating. [70 O.S. § 6-101.10]

(2) No teacher shall be dismissed during the term of a contract or refused reemployment except at an official meeting of the board of education. The reemployment or
dismission of teachers shall be in accordance with the school laws of Oklahoma. [70 O.S. § 6-101.20 through 101.30]

(f) While working with faculty, staff, or students in the school, central office and other supplementary personnel shall coordinate their activities through the principal.

(g) The principal shall have the responsibility and the authority for the administration of the non-instructional programs in the school.

(h) The local board shall adopt a school calendar and school day consistent with statutory requirements in Oklahoma.

1. The standard school year shall consist of not less than 180 days; or,

2. For not less than one thousand eighty (1080) hours each school year, if a district board of education adopts a school-hours policy and notifies the State Board of Education prior to September 15 of the applicable school year.

3. Not more than thirty (30) hours each school year may be used for attendance of professional meetings and teachers may be paid for a length of term in excess thereof, under conditions hereinafter outlined. Subject to district board of education policy or collective bargaining agreement, additional professional leave days may be granted for individual teachers to attend or participate in professional meetings, staff development training, or National Board certification portfolio development as provided for in Section 6-204.2 of this title. [70 O.S. § 1-109]

4. The standard school day shall consist of not less than 6 hours devoted to school activities, exclusive of lunch, with the exception of nursery, early childhood education kindergarter, and alternative education. [70 O.S. § 1-111]

5. The early childhood school day shall consist of not less than two and one-half hours per session.

6. The kindergarten school day shall consist of not less than two and one-half hours per day. The requirement to attend kindergarten may be satisfied by attendance in either a half-day or full-day program. Membership in a kindergarten for either two and one-half (2 1/2) hours or six (6) hours per school day shall be counted as one (1) day for average daily membership purposes. Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, it shall be the duty of every school district in this state to provide and offer a full six-hour day of kindergarten free of tuition for every child residing in the district who attains the age of five (5) years on or before the first day of September during the school year kindergarten is offered, provided that this duty may be satisfied by intra-district transfer to a school offering full-day kindergarten, by transferring kindergarten children to other school districts which will accept them and can provide kindergarten for such children, or by contracting for classroom space with a licensed public or licensed private child care provider based on the selection criteria established by the district. [70 O.S. § 18-108]

7. A school district board of education may adopt and implement an extended day schedule for grades nine through twelve. All of the following conditions must be met:

(A) The annual number of hours of instruction must equal or exceed 1,080 hours which is equivalent to 180 days of instruction.

(B) Only one day per week shall consist of not less than five hours of academic instruction in a regular classroom setting.
2010-2011 Standards for Accreditation of Oklahoma Schools

(C) The district must hold a public hearing prior to the adoption of an extended day schedule.

(D) The district must document the impact on student achievement as determined by the academic performance index score and any other relevant factors that are a result of the implementation of an extended day schedule.

(E) The district must provide an annual report to the State Board of Education on the result of the extended day schedule and the impact on student achievement. [70 O.S. § 1-109]

(i) If, because of emergency situations, school has been missed more than fifteen (15) days, the State Board of Education will consider forgiving a portion of those days or in rare instances all days missed, on a case-by-case basis. Exceptions to the fifteen (15) day minimum will be made at the recommendation of the State Superintendent and forgiveness will be considered by the State Board of Education on a case-by-case basis.

(j) If a school district determines that it is necessary to deviate from the required 6-hour school day because of severe weather conditions or fire, the superintendent should report this, in writing, to the State Department of Education, Accreditation Section, within 72 hours. Any loss of school time shall require the superintendent to report the amount of time lost and the procedures to be used to make up the lost time.

(k) Schools shall obtain permission from the State Board of Education before conducting Saturday classes to complete a standard school term including professional days. [70 O.S. § 1-112]

210:10-1-4. Length of term

(a) The minimum length of term will be ten (10) months (180 days actually taught). Provided not to exceed five (5) days of 180 days required may be used for attendance of professional meetings. Where professional days are taken, they shall be so recorded in the register of attendance in a like manner as holidays are recorded. The legal aggregate days attendance will be divided by days actually taught to obtain the legal average daily attendance. Any school district holding less than a full term will have its state aid reduced proportionately. No district may have less than a full term of school unless conditions over which it has no control exist that would prevent the district holding a full term. In cases where sites within a district have different length terms the average daily membership (ADM) and average daily attendance (ADA) shall be calculated for each site separately.

210:35-3-47. School reports and records

Well delineated policies and procedures for records and reports shall be developed and kept current.

(1) Records and reports needed for effective planning, operation, evaluation, and reporting shall be kept relative to the following components of the educational program:

   (A) Administrative operations
   (B) Curriculum
   (C) Guidance
   (D) Health services
Oklahoma Congressional Districts
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Counties

Oklahoma House of Representatives, GIS Office
Name of Site(s): Yukon Alternative Learning Experience

Grades 9-12

Name of School District: Yukon I-027

Signature of Principal(s):

Name of School District: Yukon I-027

Signature of Superintendent:

County Name: Canadian

I hereby certify that this deregulation application was approved by our local board of education at the meeting on , 20 .

Signature of Board President *

Notary: 

Date: My Commission Expires

1. Statement of the Regulation (specify OAC code)

210:35-29-2

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*Original signatures are required.
2. **Alternate Strategy:** (Clearly state alternative strategy (ies) which the district proposes and what results are to occur.)

Yukon Alternative School would like continue to operate under the de-regulation that we have been granted for the last five years. This schedule extended our teacher's schedule by one hour and 15 minutes. In lieu of the extended daily schedule, the Alternative School's weekly schedule was reduced to four days. The days of attendance were reduced from a 175 day calendar to a 140 day calendar. Fridays were scheduled for make-up days for any student absent Monday through Friday. This schedule change allowed working students and parenting teens to conduct business (i.e. Dr.'s apt, job interviews, court, etc.) on the scheduled day off or allowed them to make up time missed for unavoidable absences thereby reducing attendance problems. Our students have expressed their desire to continue with the present schedule. The parenting teens are especially supportive due to the increased time with their children and fewer days needed for babysitters. 100% of the teachers approved the 4 day week for next year. We believe this schedule change was a successful attempt to improve attendance and serve our diverse student population. We would very much like to continue this schedule next year.

3. **Resources Needed:** (Outline materials, supplies, staff, etc. that will be needed for this new approach.)

None – present staff will extend work day by 1 hour 15 minutes and rotate Fridays on a monthly basis to accommodate extended day schedule. No salary increase is needed. District required work hours will be maintained.

4. **Student and/or School Site Performance Levels to be Demonstrated:**

Students will demonstrate improved attendance and additional small group classes will be conducted with increased student participation.
5. **Evaluation Procedures and/or Process:** (Outline procedures/process to be followed and submit follow-up report to SDE at the end of the school year.)

Attendance statistics will be submitted.
Small group learning opportunities and activities will be documented and submitted.

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6. **Financial Impact to the District of the Proposed Deregulation:**

Reduction of bus service for 35 days for Alternative Education.
Utility expenses reduced for 35 days.
Full-time aide salaries reduced by 70 hours.

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7. **Timeline(s):** (Please submit class schedule, calendars, assessment forms, and other attachments as necessary.)

Student Schedule: Monday - Thursday
6:00a.m. - 12:15p.m.
11:00a.m. - 3:15p.m.
2:00p.m. - 6:45p.m.
8:00a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Friday make-up

Teacher Schedule: 4 full-time,
1 alternating Friday per month.
3 - 7:30a.m. - 4:15p.m
1 - 11:00a.m. - 6:45p.m.
4 - 7:30a.m. - 12:45p.m. Alt Fridays

Aide Schedule:
2 - 7:45a.m. - 3:15p.m.
1 - 11:30a.m. - 7:15p.m.
April 3, 2012

Oklahoma State Department of Education
Accreditation Division
2500 North Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Sir or Madam:

Yukon Public Schools is submitting this deregulation application concerning the authorization of an extended school day in the Alternative Education Program.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Kent Mathers
Assistant Superintendent

Enclosures
# Yukon Public Schools
## 2012-2013

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### School Year Calendar

- **New Staff Orientation**
- **All Staff Reports**
- **Elementary Back To School Night -PK-3 - 5:00-6:30**
- **Elementary Back To School Night - 4/5 - 5:00-7:30**
- **Professional Day**
- **“The Breakfast”**
- **Workdays**
- **First Day of School**
- **Sept 3**
- **Labor Day**
- **Sept 13**
- **Progress Reports**
- **Sept 27**
- **Professional Day - No School**
- **Sept 28**
- **Professional Day - No School**
- **Oct 16 & 17**
- **Nine Weeks Test**
- **Oct 17**
- **End of 1st Nine Weeks**
- **Oct 18-19**
- **Fall Break**
- **Oct 26**
- **Report Cards**
- **Oct 30 & Nov 1**
- **P/T Conferences - report cards**
- **Nov 2**
- **No School**
- **Nov 15**
- **Progress Reports**
- **Nov 21,22,23**
- **Thanksgiving Break**
- **Dec 20 & 21**
- **Nine Weeks Test**
- **Dec 21**
- **End of 1st Semester**
- **Dec 24 - Jan 4**
- **Winter Break**
- **Jan 7**
- **Classes Resume**
- **Jan 11**
- **Report Cards**
- **Jan 21**
- **No School: MLK Day**
- **Feb 7**
- **Progress Reports**
- **Feb 15**
- **Professional Day - No School**
- **Feb 18**
- **Professional Day - No School**
- **March 6 & 7**
- **Nine Weeks Test**
- **March 8**
- **End of 3rd Nine Weeks**
- **March 18-22**
- **Spring Break**
- **April 2 & 4**
- **P/T Conferences - report cards**
- **April 5**
- **No School**
- **April 22**
- **Progress Reports**
- **May 21 & 22**
- **Nine Weeks Test**
- **May 21**
- **School Commencement**
- **May 23**
- **Last Day of School**
- **May 24**
- **Report Day/Snow Day**
- **May 27**
- **Memorial Day**
- **May 28 & 29**
- **Snow Days**

*If additional snow days are needed, they will be added on at the end of the year.*