



ADM Community Schools

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ADM Families,

The purpose of this document is to provide clear communication about ADM's plan to address missed instructional hours due to snow days (all students) as well as ADM's plan to address missed instructional hours at DeSoto Intermediate due to the recent fire (DeSoto Intermediate students only).

Understanding ADM's Calendar: Schools in Iowa can choose to use a days or hours calendar. A "Days Calendar" requires that students attend school for 180 days, while an "Hours Calendar" requires that students attend school for a minimum of 1080 hours. Nearly all schools in Iowa, including ADM, use an "Hours Calendar" and ADM has always exceeded the minimum number of hours required each year.

What Happens When Instructional Hours Are Missed: When instructional hours are missed due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, districts are given the flexibility to choose whether or not to make up lost instructional hours - so long as the district meets the minimum requirement of 1080 instructional hours. As previously communicated, the state of Iowa does not grant exceptions to meeting the minimum requirement of instructional hours. ADM is short in meeting the required instructional hours for the current 2022-23 school year.

Public Hearing About End of Year School Calendar Changes: Any changes to the school calendar require a public hearing and Board approval. The following proposal regarding making up lost instructional hours for the current school year will be discussed at a public hearing and considered by the Board at a special meeting on April 26, 2023 at 4:30PM at the District Administration Center, 215 North 11th Street, Adel.

Proposal For Making Up Instructional Hours: **Due to Weather**

**This section only applies to students and staff at the following buildings:
Adel Elementary, Meadow View Elementary, ADM Middle School, ADM High School**

80 Instructional Minutes: ADM experienced loss of instructional hours due to a 2-hour early dismissal on 1/18/23 and no school on 1/19/23, 2/16/23, and 2/23/23 due to weather. As a result, these buildings are 80 instructional minutes short of the state requirement of 1080 hours.

Date of Last Day Remains May 26: As was communicated in April, buildings will not have to make up snow days with additional days added to the end of the school year. The last day of school will remain May 26, 2023.

Dismissal Time Change on May 26: The last day of school, May 26, will change from a 1:00 to 2:30 dismissal time in order to make up minutes and meet the minimum number of instructional hours required by the state of Iowa.

Proposal For Making Up Instructional Hours: **Due to Weather & Fire**

This section only applies to students and staff at DeSoto Intermediate

1135 Instructional Minutes: DeSoto Intermediate experienced loss of instructional hours due to a 2-hour early dismissal on 1/18/23 and no school on 1/19/23, 2/16/23, and 2/23/23 due to weather and no school on 4/19/23, 4/20/23, and 4/21/23 because of the fire. As a result, DeSoto Intermediate is 1135 instructional minutes short of the state requirement of 1080 hours.

Changes to DeSoto Intermediate School Calendar: Below are the calendar changes that will occur to make up the lost minutes at DeSoto Intermediate:

- **Last Day of School Changes to May 30 Releasing at 3:30PM:** The last day of school for DeSoto Intermediate will change from Friday, May 26 at 1:00 to Tuesday, May 30, at 3:30. This is only one additional day of attendance at the end of the year.
- **Remaining Friday Early Releases Extended to Full Days Releasing at 3:30PM:** Starting this Friday, April 28, all remaining Friday's at DeSoto Intermediate will change from 1:00 early release to an extended day of school releasing at 3:30PM.
- **View All Changes:** Use the following link to view a list of all changes - [View DeSoto Intermediate End of Year Calendar](#)

Additional communication will be sent to all families following the Board meeting on Wednesday.