

Arlington School District No. 16

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Supportive Information Sheet

Subject: REQUEST FOR BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING

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Submitted by: Warren Hopkins, Deputy Superintendent

Date: October 13, 2008

Background Information:

Every year, districts must certify that they meet all Basic Education requirements in order to qualify for State apportionment money. Originally, this was done via the "M-808" report, which was quite extensive. For the past few years, the procedure has been simplified into "SPI Form 1497". This form is a checklist of assurances that our district complies with all regulations related to "basic education" as defined in statute. This form must be approved by the Board and signed by both the Superintendent and Board President.

Administrative Consideration:

Arlington School District meets all the requirements in this basic education report. As part of our compliance with these regulations, we have a waiver of the "180 day school year" rule that was originally granted by the State Board of Education in 2002. It is not uncommon for districts to request waivers for special purposes. In our case, the three day waiver allows staff time for school improvement activities and in-services.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

That the Board approves the Minimum Basic Education Requirement Compliance Report, Form 1497.



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MINIMUM BASIC EDUCATION REQUIREMENT COMPLIANCE

2008–09 School Year

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Please Check One			
In Compliance	In Compliance with Approved Waiver	Not in Compliance	
X			Total Instructional Hour Offering Grades 1-12 (RCW 28A.150.220) (WAC 180-16-200) - The district makes available to students enrolled in grades one through twelve at least a district-wide annual average total instructional hour offering of one thousand hours.
X			Total Instructional Hour Offering Kindergarten (RCW 28A.150.220) (WAC 180-16-200) - The district makes available to students enrolled in kindergarten at least a total instructional offering of four hundred fifty hours.
	X		Minimum 180-Day School Year for Grades 1 and above (RCW 28A.150.220) (WAC 180-16-215) - The school year consists of no less than 180 separate school days for students in Grades 1 and above and is accessible to all legally eligible students. If your district has a waiver from the 180-day school year requirement, the district-wide annual average instructional hour offering must still be 1,000 hours.
X			Minimum 180-Day School Year for Kindergarten (RCW 28A.150.220) (WAC 180-16-200) (WAC 180-16-215) - The kindergarten program consists of no less than 180 half days, or the equivalent, per school year. If a school district schedules a kindergarten program other than one hundred eighty half-days, the district shall attach an explanation of its kindergarten schedule with this form.
X			K-3/4-12 Students to Classroom Teacher Ratio - (RCW 28A.150.250) (WAC 180-16-210) - The district ratio of FTE classroom students to FTE classroom teachers in Grades K-3 is no greater than the district ratio of FTE classroom students to FTE classroom teachers in Grades 4 and above.
X			State High School Graduation Minimum Requirements (RCW 28A.230.090) (WAC 180-51-061) - All subject areas are aligned with the high school standards at a minimum, to grades 9/10 grade level expectations or state essential academic learning requirements at Benchmark 3 (high school). District high schools meet all state minimum graduation requirements. (Districts without high schools can mark "NA" in first column)

Certification of Compliance

We hereby certify that the board of directors has been apprised and that the Arlington School District, meets all the requirements relating to the minimum requirements of state basic education programs and, that all deviations from these rules and regulations of the Washington State Board of Education are recorded.

The withholding of basic education allocation funding from a school district may occur for a noncompliance. (See full text in WAC 180-16-195(3)(d).) We understand that FORM SPI 1497 will not require back-up documentation to be attached; however, that back-up documentation may need to be provided for auditing purposes.

Signature of School District Superintendent	Date
Signature of Board President or Chair	Date