



## ARKANSAS CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL ARKANSAS DIVISION of YOUTH SERVICES

### **School Attendance Expectations**

2024-25 School Year

In accordance with Arkansas state standards, DYS youth will attend school four days a week for 7.5 hours per day for a total of 30 hours per week. Fridays will be utilized for individual, group, and family therapy sessions, as well as credit recovery, tutoring, and remediation. At any such time that these minutes cannot be or are not met, the educational time must be made up.

Alternate Method of Instruction (AMI) days must be approved by the DYS Superintendent of Education and are only appropriate when there is an emergency such as a COVID-19 outbreak, inclement weather, power outages, or an act of God.

In the event circumstances require that a facility, class, pod/group, or an individual miss a day(s), of school, it is the responsibility of the district principal, building-level director, or other designee to notify the DYS Superintendent of the dates and times missed and to present a proposal for how and when the missed educational time will be made up.

#### ***ADE STANDARD REGARDING INSTRUCTIONAL MINUTES REQUIRED PER DAY***

***1-A.5.2*** *Except where otherwise allowed by law, each public school shall provide a planned instructional day that averages no less than six (6) hours per day or thirty (30) hours per week. Any day in which fewer than six (6) hours of instruction time is provided to students shall be counted as one-half (1/2) of a school day if at least three (3) hours of instructional time is provided to students. Any day in which fewer than three (3) hours of instructional time is provided to students shall not be counted as part of a school day.*

COVID-19 still causes some groups, pods, and/or individuals to have to be isolated or to quarantined for a specified time. DYS has established a protocol that allows for students to receive printed materials created by Virtual Arkansas teachers that are prepared in advance. This allows students to keep up with schoolwork (if they feel well enough to do so) preventing them from falling behind in their studies.