

Issaquah School District #411
Issaquah, Washington

RESOLUTION 1115

A resolution requesting the Washington State Board of Education grant the Issaquah School District a 3-year waiver from the minimum two hundred and twenty-day school requirement of the Basic Education Program requirements of Institutional Education for Echo Glen Children's Center.

WHEREAS, students at Echo Glen Children's Center are required to be in attendance for 220 school days in Institutional Education; and

WHEREAS, The Issaquah School District is requesting a renewal of the State Board of Education waiver allowing a reduction of six (6) school days, such that four (4) days are determined for parent teacher conferences to accommodate parents residing throughout WA, and two (2) days for school staff training; and

WHEREAS, for the Issaquah School District to reach our goal of every student meeting standard on state required assessments and courses, we must garner parent support and keep them apprised of their child's progress and communicate ways for them to provide additional support upon release. In order to support every student, and with an average enrollment of 90 days, parent teacher conferences will be spread out throughout the school year to engage as many parents as possible. Parent teacher conference dates will coincide with facility visitation dates to further encourage parent participation. Research shows a direct correlation between parent engagement and student success and we know that getting parents engaged in their students' learning community and partnering with teachers is the best way to keep students engaged and prepare them for success in their community school. We will monitor parent participation in conferencing and continue to work to a goal of 100% participation; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the waiver is to engage parents flexibility to attend parent teacher conferences despite their long distances of travel, while having minimum impact to instruction time and in correlation with facility visitation days, and to further school staff education in Dialectic Behavior Therapy (DBT). DBT is the therapeutic approach used at Echo Glen Children's Center and encompasses distress tolerance skills youth practice during their stay at Echo. With common language between school and therapeutic supports the student's therapeutic and subsequently academic growth can expand, thus furthering the goal of every student meeting standard despite trauma history. Without a waiver Echo Glen Children's Center would have to conduct parent teacher conferences in the evening, making it problematic for guardians to travel from far distances to attend. Institutional Education operates a 220 day school year and this waiver requests six (6) days removed from this school year to expand parent engagement and expand school staff skill in braiding therapeutic language into instruction, both with the intent of ensuring students meet standard on state required assessments and courses toward graduation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Issaquah School District requests the State Board of Education grant a waiver for the 2018-2019, 2019-2020, and 2020-2021 school years to reduce the number of school days by six (6) in each of those school years from the required 220 days for Echo Glen Children's Center.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors of the Issaquah School District No. 411, King County, WA at an open public meeting held on April 25, 2018 with the following directors being present and voting:

Board President

Director

Director

Director

Director

Attest:

Ron Thiele, Secretary
Board of Directors