

In alignment with Warner Valley's ways, the Adel School District is committed to fostering a positive educational environment that recognizes and nurtures each student's unique strengths, gifts, and talents. Our holistic approach aims to create an optimal learning experience tailored to the individual needs of every student."

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TO: Staff, Students, Parents, Guardians, and Community Members

RE: Lake County School District #21 (Adel) Justification for the Decision Not to Restore Lost Student Instructional Time as Required by Executive Order 26-06 and OAR 581-022-2323

On April 16, 2026, Governor Tina Kotek issued Executive Order 26-06 to protect and restore student instructional time in Oregon schools, taking action to prioritize academic outcomes and ensure every student has access to consistent, high-quality learning. According to Section 4.c. of the order, "If a district [or public charter school], at the direction of their board, chooses not to restore lost student instructional time, the district [or public charter school] must publicly explain their justification for that choice." OAR 581-022-2323 was adopted by the State Board of Education to codify and implement the executive order.

Student instructional time is defined in OAR 581-022-2323 as "the total hours students are in school, bell-to-bell, including recess, lunch, passing time, and instruction."

Currently, for the 2026/27 school year, Adel SD has a board approved calendar with 1077 student instructional hours, which is 7 hours less than the 2025/26 school years total of 1084 (24/25 SY had 1077). The reason for this is due to the number of half-day Fridays. In 2026/27 we will attend 132 full days and 32 half days for a total of 164 days (same for 24/25). In 25/26 SY we attended 134 full days and 30 half days for a total of 164 days. A full day is 7.25 instructional hours and a half-day is 3.75 hours.

Looking ahead to the 2027–28 school year, Adel SD expects to begin instruction on the Wednesday following Labor Day. When developing the school calendar, we will consider professional development days, holidays, and the requirements outlined in OAR 581-022-2320. The calendar must provide no fewer than 265 consecutive calendar days between the first and last day of school. Historically, Adel SD has provided more than 900 Division 22 instructional hours, exceeding the minimum instructional requirements.

On Thursday, August 24, 2026, the Lake County School District 21 (Adel) School Board approved the decision not to restore lost student instructional time for the following reasons:

- Our Calendar meets the needs of our community in aligning with local/cultural events.
- Our students persistently exceed the state norms in testing.
- Our calendars have been very similar over the years, and we will continue to monitor.
- We are confident that meeting the Division 22 requirements is sufficient and a more accurate measure of instruction time than EO 26-06. Bell to Bell time can be manipulated by recess, lunch, passing time and other non-instructional events.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact Superintendent Stratton at Lake County ESD.

Superintendent Stratton

Approved by board 8/24/2026

