Broward County Public Schools Waiver for Professional Study Days



Broward County Schools is the largest fully accredited school district in the United States

School Improvement Waivers are designed to remove barriers to school improvement that have been found in state statute, school board policy, or collective bargaining contract (see School Board Policy #1403). Waivers must be based on sound educational research and evaluation, must be budget neutral to the district, must be supported by stakeholders in the local school community, and must be approved by 66.67% of the faculty. Waivers may be approved for up to five years by the School Board, but the faculty must approve the waiver each year. Waivers must be equitable for all students in a particular student group.

Waiver #	2
School Name:	Plantation High V
Board Policy/Contract Article:	BTU Contract Article 5 U-1
Board Approved:	TBA
Years Approved:	5 Years
Target Area:	Professional Study Days
Waiver Status:	Continued •
Initial Year of Implementation:	2018 - 2019
District's Strategic Alignment Plan:	Instruction/Teaching & Assessing for Learning
Accreditation Standard Alignment:	Teaching and Assessing for Learning

1. **Plantation High** is requesting a waiver for **Professional Study Days** for a period of 5 years. **Plantation High** will analyze the data and present them to SAC.

2. Plantation High is requesting 08 V Professional Study Days per school year.

3. Check the boxes for the Professional Study Day dates approved by your SAC and faculty members

✓ Day 1 (Sep 06, 2018)	✓ Day 2 (Oct 04, 2018)	Day 3 (Nov 1, 2018)	Day 4 (Dec 06, 2018)
🗹 Day 5 (Jan 10, 2019)	✓ Day 6 (Feb 07, 2019)	✓ Day 7 (Mar 07, 2019)	✓ Day 8 (Apr 04, 2019)
2019-2020			
✓ Day 1 (Sep 12,2019)	✓ Day 2 (Oct 03, 2019)	✓ Day 3 (Nov 07, 2019)	Day 4 (Dec 05, 2019)
🗹 Day 5 (Jan 16, 2020)	☑ Day 6 (Feb 06, 2020)	✓ Day 7 (Mar 05, 2020)	✓ Day 8 (Apr 02, 2020)

2018-2019

2021-2022

2022-2023

4. This waiver proposal was presented, reviewed, and endorsed by all stakeholders of the local school community at meetings on:

Community Meeting 1:	10/03/2017
Community Meeting 2:	12/05/2017
Community Meeting 3:	01/09/2018

The School Advisory Council voted on the Professional Study Days Waiver by 95% (minimum of 51%) on 01/17/2018.
The Faculty voted on the implementation of Professional Study Days by 78% (minimum of 66 2/3%) on 01/17/2018, according to the voting guidelines in the Broward Teachers Union Contract, Article 15.

Faculty Votes In 2018 - 2019:	80% v Da	ate: 04/04/2019
Faculty Votes In 2019 - 2020:	1% v Da	ate:
Faculty Votes In 2020 - 2021:	1% v Da	ate:
Faculty Votes In 2021 - 2022:	1% v Da	ate:

7. Write the exact language of the school board policy or contract article that the proposed waiver will supersede.

BTU Contract Article 5 U-1 Early Release Time: The District shall provide that students at each school shall be dismissed two (2) hours early on six (6) days during the school year. Any school may opt-out of providing early release time by a 66 2/3 percent vote of bargaining unit members through the waiver methodology described in Article Fifteen, Section G, 2-4.

8. State the waiver: change, delete, or add to the policy or contract so as to fulfill the requirements of the proposed waiver.

In addition to the six early release days currently scheduled, the District shall provide that students at Plantation High School shall be dismissed three hours early for six additional days during the school year for the purpose of High School Reform.

9. State the rationale for the proposed waiver. How will the proposed waiver support school improvement? Give background information, history of barrier, etc.

Plantation High School uses the district allocated planning days and early release days for professional development but the time is limited. Additional time is necessary for collegial interaction, professional growth and continued student achievement. By providing faculty members with additional time for collegial interaction, faculty members will be able to collaborate in their content area professional learning communities (PLCs) with a focus on Florida Standards/FSA and End of Course Assessments. The success of this will translate into increased student achievement and professional growth among faculty.

10. Recognizing that one strategy alone does not affect school-wide achievement, identify and explain the baseline data for the proposed waiver.

The Plantation High School staff will evaluate the effectiveness of the professional study days by evaluating student achievement data using the following data elements: 1. Graduation Rate 2. Acceleration Rate. 3. The percentage of students making learning gains in ELA. The baseline data for 2016-2017 is as follows: 1. Graduation Rate 92%, 2. Acceleration Rate 48%, and 3. ELA Learning Gains 41%

11. What reliable research studies, proven strategies, best practices, or similar programs support the probable success of the proposed waiver?

The professional study days are specifically intended for content area professional learning communities to collaborate and share best practices. Providing this time for teachers aligns with the evaluation tool and its expectations of Collegiality and Professionalism. Domains 2 - 4 in the Marzano Growth Model, which are designed around years of research on effective teaching and learning practices, are expectations outside of the classroom setting.

12. **Plantation High** will evaluate the effectiveness of the waiver each year. Include current data in alignment to the baseline data to measure the impact of the waiver.

Year 1 (2018 - 2019)	Teachers must continuously	*
Year 2 (2019 - 2020)		1
Year 3 (2020 - 2021)		//
Year 4 (2021 - 2022)		
Year 5 (2022 - 2023)		//

13. **Plantation High** confirms that we have successfully met the requirements for the Professional Learning Communities Database as directed by Talent Development. Failure to meet the requirements set forth by Talent Development for the Professional Learning Communities Database will result in the denial of a Continuation Waiver for Professional Study Days.

2018-2019:	• Yes	○ No
2019-2020:	Yes	○ No
2020-2021:	• Yes	No
2021-2022:	• Yes	No
2022-2023:	• Yes	No

14. If this waiver is being discontinued, indicate why.

15. We confirm that the Professional Study Days was implemented as described above:

Principal:	Parinaz Bristol	Date:	01/19/2018
SAC Chairperson:	Micah Moreno	Date:	01/19/2018
16. This waiver has been reviewed	by:		
Broward Teacher's Union Rep:	Wayne Johnson	Date:	01/19/2018
17. This waiver has been reviewed by the Office of Strategic Achievement:			

OSA Rep: Donna Boruch Date: 02/08/2018

This waiver application, with original signatures, is to be kept on file at the school and made available to District personnel upon request.

A scanned version of the completed Professional Study Days Waiver Process, with signatures, and all other requiered documents are to be uploaded to <u>http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/schoolimprove/school_staff_login.asp</u> by February 8, 2019.

The filename to upload is to be: SchoolName_GradeLevel_PSD_WaiverNumber_Date.pdf, ex. *Abc_ES_PSD_1_02082013.pdf*

Update PSD Waiver

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Last updated on: Thursday, April 4, 2019

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Voting Sign-In 414/19



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Professional Study Day Vote 2019-2020 School Year!

Micah R. Moreno Mon 4/1, 9:10 AM

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Dear All,

On Thursday, 4/4/19, the faculty of Plantation High School will be voting on Professional Study Days for the 2019-20 School Year. The purpose of Professional Study Days is for planning and collaborating through professional learning communities and professional development opportunities. The School Advisory Committee has recommended 8 Professional Study Days for the 2019-20 School Year. A sample of the ballot is below, followed by an explanation of what your vote means. 66 2/3% of bargaining unit members must vote in favor of the waiver for it to pass.

PROFESSIONAL STUDY DAY WAIVER BALLOT Plantation High School

In addition to the six early release days currently scheduled, the District shall provide that students at Plantation High School be dismissed three hours early for eight additional days during the school year for the purpose of High School Reform

_____ I am in favor of the Professional Study Day Waiver for the 2019-2020 school year

_____ I am NOT in favor of the Professional Study Day Waiver for the 2019-2020 school year

What you are voting for:

-If you vote "in favor" of the waiver you are voting to have **8** Professional Study Days for 2019-2020

-If you vote "NOT in favor" of the waiver you are voting for **<u>0</u>** Professional Study Days for 2019-2020

-If you do not vote, your non-vote will be counted with the "NOT in favor" of the waiver votes. A non-vote means you are voting for **0** Professional Study Days for 2019-2020.

Please feel free to contact myself, Mr. Fritzius, or Mr. Johnson with any questions or concerns.

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Office of Service Quality

Professional Study Days for 2019-2020

- Thursday, September 12, 2019
- Thursday, October 3, 2019
- Thursday, November 7, 2019
- Thursday, December 5, 2019
- Thursday, January 16, 2020
- Thursday, February 6, 2020
- Thursday, March 5, 2020
- Thursday, April 2, 2020

<u>Highlights from the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between</u> The School Board of Broward County, Florida and The Broward Teachers Union:

- Continuing with the 2019-2020 school year, Broward County high schools may utilize any number of designated days, not to exceed (8), for additional professional study hours for the purpose of implementing school-wide plans to improve student achievement.
- Planning and collaborating are necessary components and require additional time for deep collegial conversations within authentic professional learning communities and professional development opportunities in order to meet the unique challenges faced by high schools.
- A minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the professional study hours shall be devoted to structured conversations using the protocol tools for professional learning communities. These conversations shall be centered on the Florida State Standards and/or teacher instructional strategies/practices.
- In order to establish the hours for up to eight (8) professional Study Days, each school must initiate and conduct a waiver vote.

Rationale for the selection of dates:

- Dates were presented to the District Calendar Committee for review.
- No date was selected in August 2019 since there are five (5) preplanning days prior to the beginning of the 2019 2020 school year.
- Four professional study days have been scheduled for the first semester and four have been scheduled for the second semester.
- Professional Study Days are not scheduled during weeks with another day off or a scheduled Early Release Day.