



Make Up Days Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why do we have to make up the days?

Schools closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 10 and 11 as result of Tropical Storm Nicole. Florida law requires school districts funded by the state to operate for a minimum term, and requires districts to make up any lost instructional time unless the state waives this requirement.

2. Will OCPS be asking the state to waive or alter the instructional time requirement?

The state did not approve requests to alter required instructional time for Hurricane Ian.

OCCTA is in communication with the district about requesting to waive the instructional time requirement for days lost due to Tropical Storm Nicole. While we don't know if the state will approve the request, we will continue to advocate for them to do so.

3. Why do some districts not have to make up for days lost due to storms?

No district receiving state funding can operate for less than the minimum term absent a waiver. Some district calendars *exceed* the state requirement on instructional minutes allowing them to meet the minimum term in spite of some days lost due to bad weather.

4. Why can't we add days to the end of the school year?

If the school year gets extended, the district would require teachers to work those extra days without compensation as they would be making up days that were already paid.

Nevertheless, along with survey results shared with the District, OCCTA has shared member feedback regarding other make up alternatives.



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