

8210 SCHOOL YEAR

The Board of Education recognizes that the preparation of a school calendar is essential to orderly educational planning and to the efficient operation of the district.

The Board shall determine annually the days when the schools will be in session for instructional purposes. The school calendar will provide no fewer than one hundred eighty days of instruction. Days on which school is closed for holidays, teachers' institutes, and inclement weather shall not be considered as days in session.

A school day shall consist of not less than four hours of actual instruction, except that in an approved Kindergarten, one continuous session of two and one half hours may be considered a full day. A half-day class shall be considered the equivalent of a full day's attendance only if the class is in session for four hours or more, exclusive of recess periods or lunch periods.

An approved Kindergarten shall meet the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3(c).

The Commissioner of Education shall annually prescribe a list of religious holidays on which it shall be mandatory to excuse students for religious observance upon the written request signed by the parent or person standing in loco parentis. Staff members shall avoid, whenever possible, scheduling a test on a religious holiday commonly observed by residents of the district.

The Superintendent shall annually prepare and submit to the Board a school calendar no later than May 1. The Board reserves the right to alter the school calendar when such alteration is feasible and serves the best interests of the students of this district. ~~At the Board of Education reorganization meeting, the Board of Education shall adopt the school calendar for the following school year.~~

~~The school year shall be considered to include:~~

- ~~1. A specified number of teaching days.~~
- ~~2. An agreed upon number of days to allow for emergency closings due to snow, hurricanes or other causes.~~
- ~~3. A day or days at the beginning of the school year for orientation of new staff members.~~
- ~~4. A day or days for planned in-service educational programs for staff.~~

~~Major changes in the school calendar will be made by the Board only upon recommendation of the Superintendent.~~

~~N.J.S.A. 18A:25-3; 18A:36-2; 18A:36-16
N.J.A.C.6:20-1.3; 6:28-4.1~~

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