

POLICY

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BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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School Year

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 required by law. 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, exclusive of recess periods or lunch periods. One continuous session of two and one half hours may be considered a full day in an approved Kindergarten.

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

The Superintendent shall annually prepare the school calendar for Board of Education consideration in consultation with teacher and administrator association representatives and the County Superintendent. No later than May of each year, the Board of Education shall adopt the school calendar for the following school year. The Board of Education reserves the right to alter the school calendar when feasible and advisable in the best interests of the children of the district.

The Commissioner of Education shall annually prescribe a list of religious holidays on which it shall be mandatory to excuse pupils 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.

N.J.S.A. 18A:25-3; 18A:36-2; 18A:36-16

N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3

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