

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Board of Education recognizes that the preparation of a calendar for the instructional program of the schools is necessary for orderly educational planning and for the efficient operation of the district.

The Board shall determine annually the days when the schools shall be in session for instructional purposes. Such school calendar shall consist of no fewer than the 180 days of instruction required by law.

When an interruption in educational programming causes a disabled student's performance to revert to a lower level of functioning that cannot be recouped within a reasonable length of time, an extended school year shall be provided in accordance with the student's IEP. In any case, the school year shall be at least as long for students with disabilities as for nondisabled students.

The school calendar for the ensuing school year shall be prepared by the Superintendent and presented for Board approval. The Board shall not take action on the calendar until the following meeting. The Superintendent will consult with teacher and administrator association representatives after developing the school calendar. The Board reserves the right to alter the school calendar when feasible and advisable in the best interests of the children of the district.

In preparing the calendar, the Superintendent shall consult with member districts, appropriate representatives of staff, parent/citizen groups, and, as he/she finds desirable, employee organizations.

The calendar shall set forth the days and hours schools shall be in session, holidays and vacation periods, days of staff development sessions, days of teacher orientation, and days of reports to parents/guardians.

The Board shall adopt annually a list of religious holidays that shall consist as a minimum of those holidays designated by the commissioner of education.

- Legal References:**
- N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9 Aid to school districts conditioned on compliance with rules and standards for equalization of opportunity; aid withheld for noncompliance
 - N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties
 - N.J.S.A. 18A:25-3 Teaching, etc., on holidays not required
 - N.J.S.A. 18A:36-1 School year
 - N.J.S.A. 18A:36-2 Times when schools are open; determination
 - N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.1(c) General requirements
 - N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3 School attendance

Piscataway Twp. Ed. Ass'n v. Piscataway Township BOE, App. Div. opinion, Dkt. No. A-7215-95T2, January 24, 1998

Possible

- Cross References:**
- *2210 Administrative leeway in absence of board policy
 - *5113 Absences and excuses
 - *5127 Commencement activities
 - *6112 School day
 - *6114 Emergencies and disaster preparedness
 - *6146 Graduation requirements
 - *6171.4 Special education

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.

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