

POLICY

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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 school district.

The Board shall annually approve 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 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9. Days on which school is closed for holidays, teachers' institutes, and inclement weather shall not be considered as days in session.

A half-day class or shortened school day shall be considered the equivalent of a full day only if school is in session for four or more hours, exclusive of recess periods or lunch period.

The School day shall consist of not less than four hours, except that, one continuous session of two- and one-half hours may be considered a full day for Kindergarten in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3 (b).

An approved Kindergarten shall meet the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 6AK32-8.3(C).

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.

The Superintendent shall, in consultation with the Hackensack School district, annually prepare and submit to the Board of school calendar no later than May 30. The Board reserves the right to alter the school calendar when such alteration is feasible and serves the best interests of the pupils of this district.

N.J.S.A. 18A:25-3; 18A:36-2; 18A:36-16
N.J.S.A. 6A:32-8.3

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