

IC - SCHOOL YEAR AND CALENDAR

In order to meet the educational requirements per the State Board of Education, the School Board reserves the right to select either option 1 or option 2 for the school year and the school calendar.

School Year Option 1: School Year Based on Days

The school year shall be a minimum of 190 days, including a minimum of 180 instructional days for students and additional days for staff development, conferences, and other such needs, and for instructional time lost due to inclement weather or unexpected circumstances.

Any days that the schools are closed for emergency reasons will be made up at the end of the school year or during recess periods, as approved by the Board upon the Superintendent's recommendation. Under special circumstances the Board may request an exception to this requirement from the State Board of Education.

School Year Option 2: School Year Based on Hours

District schools will be available for instruction based on the instructional hour requirements as required by the New Hampshire Department of Education Rules. Additional time shall be included in the school calendar for staff development, conferences, and other such needs, and for instructional time lost due to inclement weather or unexpected circumstances.

In the event schools are closed for emergency reasons, the Superintendent may recommend to the School Board a revised schedule that satisfies all Department of Education requirements, but which may amend the number of days in the school year. Under special circumstances the Board may request an exception to this requirement from the State Board of Education.

School Calendar

The school calendar will be developed by the Superintendent and approved by the Board. Any exceptions or revisions to the calendar must be approved in advance by the Board.

The Superintendent shall ensure that the calendar conforms to the number of actual days or total hours of instruction and employment as required by law, board policy, and staff contracts.

To the extent possible, the calendar will be coordinated with other regional school calendars to meet student program and coordinate staff program.

Statutory/Regulatory/Policy/Handbook Cross References

RSA 189:1 (Days of School)

RSA 189:24 (Standard School)

Ed 306.18 (School Year)

Ed 306.19 (School Calendar)

Ed 306.27 (q) (High School Schedule for Seniors/Graduation)

Handbook (None)

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