

Policy

☐ Monitored☐ Mandated☒ Other Reasons

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 of Education 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 non-disabled students.

The Chief School Administrator shall prepare the school calendar for Board consideration in consultation with teacher and administrator association representatives and the county superintendent. The Board reserves the right to alter the school calendar when feasible and advisable in the best interests of the children of the district.

The Board of Education shall adopt annually a list of religious holidays.

Date: May 23, 2005

Other Reasons:

It is advisable to state the Board's authority in establishing the district calendar.

N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9 authorizes the Commissioner of Education to withhold all or part of the district's state aid if instruction has not been provided for a minimum of 180 days.

N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.1(c) requires the length of the school day and year for students with disabilities to be at least as long as for the non-disabled.

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

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Legal References (Continued):

N.J.S.A. 18A:36-2 Times when schools are open; determination

N.J.A.C. 6:3-9.3 School attendance

N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.1(c) General requirements

Piscataway Twp. Ed. Ass'n v. Piscataway Township BOE, App. Div.
opinion,

Dkt. No. A-7215-95T2, January 24, 1998

Key Words

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