

**Billings School District 2**

**INSTRUCTION**

School Year Calendar and Day

School Calendar

The Board shall set the number of hours in a school term, the length of the school day and the number of school days in a school week. The Board shall establish the dates for opening and closing schools, the times and dates for teacher in-service programs, the length and dates of vacations, and the days designated as legal school holidays.

Commemorative Holidays

Teachers and students shall devote a portion of the day on each commemorative holiday designated in § 20-1-306, MCA, to study and honor the commemorated person or occasion. From time to time the Board may designate a regular school day as a commemorative holiday.

School Day

The District shall provide the number of hours of pupil instruction required by Montana law. The Board suggests, but does not require, that a school year of student instruction consist of at least 360 aggregate hours of kindergarten and all other preschool programs; 720 hours for grades 1 through 3; 1080 hours for grades 4 through 12. In addition, seven (7) pupil instruction-related days may be scheduled.

<u>Legal References:</u>	§ 20-1-301, MCA	School fiscal year
	§ 20-1-302, MCA	School day and week
	§ 20-1-304, MCA	Pupil-instruction-related day
	§ 20-1-306, MCA	Commemorative exercises on certain days
	10.55.701, ARM	Board of Trustees
	10.65.101-03, ARM	Pupil-Instruction-Related Days

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