

**Lower Merion School District**

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**803 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

The Board recognizes that the preparation of an annual school calendar is necessary for the efficient operation of the District. The purpose of this Policy is to set forth the procedure for adopting an annual school calendar.

The Board shall determine annually (normally in January of the preceding school year) the days and the hours when the schools shall be in session for instructional purposes in accordance with state law, applicable regulations, and contractual obligations.

The school calendar shall normally consist of a minimum of 180 student days and provide a minimum of 900 instructional hours for elementary school students and 990 hours for middle and high school students, unless otherwise approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

The Board reserves the right to alter the school calendar when it is in the best interests of the District.

In order to facilitate the Board’s adoption of the school calendar with as much advance notice to the public as possible, the Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for preparing an annual school calendar and presenting it to the Board for consideration in a timely manner.

**Legal Citations:**

24 PS § 15-1501 et seq.  
22 Pa Code §11.1, 11.2, 11.3