

Instruction

School Calendar

The Superintendent of Schools shall recommend school calendars meeting all statutory requirements, and the needs of families and the school community to the Board of Education for its review, modification and approval.

The calendars recommended to the Board may include the operation of schools on state holidays providing a suitable nonsectarian educational program is held to observe the holiday, except for those holidays that occur in December and January.

The school calendar shall show the beginning and expected ending dates of school, school days in each school month, the number of school days in each month, legal and local holidays, staff development days, early closing days, vacation periods, and other pertinent dates, ~~including graduation for students in grade twelve. The Board may use the RESC developed and approved uniform regional school calendar.~~

The calendar shall show the date(s) of high holy days and cultural holidays observed by our staff and community-at-large that would impact operations and/or attendance. Teachers are not to establish due dates for major projects, assigning work, or administering exams on these days. The District will not schedule any parent meetings or other important events on these identified days. The District is committed to providing students with the opportunity to fully observe religious holidays and celebrations. Students shall not be negatively impacted in any way by observing their high holy days or cultural holidays.

The school calendar shall show the graduation date for students in grade twelve. The Board, in establishing a graduation date, may establish for any school year a firm graduation date which is no earlier than the one-hundred eighty-fifth day in the adopted school calendar. The graduation date may be modified, if necessary, after April first in any school year where the Board establishes a firm graduation date which, at the time of such establishment, provides for at least 180 days of school.

The Board may use the RESC developed and approved uniform regional school calendar.

The Board in establishing this policy directs the Superintendent to develop regulations to ensure compliance with the implementation of this policy.

(cf. 6146 - Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6154 – Homework)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

1-4 Days designated as legal holidays

10-15 Towns to maintain schools, as amended by PA 11-85, An Act Concerning the Achievement Gap

10-29a Certain days to be proclaimed by governor. Distribution and number of proclamations

10-16l Establishment of graduation date

10-261 Definitions

10-66q Development and adoption of uniform regional school calendar. Report. (as amended by PA 17-220)

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PA 13-247, An Act Implementing Provisions of the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2015 Concerning General Government, sections 321-324

PA 14-38 An Act Concerning the Recommendations of the Uniform Regional School Calendar Task Force

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