

POLICY

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School Year

8210 SCHOOL YEAR

The Board of Directors recognizes that the preparation of a school calendar is essential to orderly educational planning and to the efficient operation of the Commission.

The Board shall ~~determine~~ annually **approve** the days when the schools will be in session for instructional purposes. The school calendar will provide no fewer than 180 days of instruction **in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9** and no more than the number defined in the current collective bargaining agreement. Days on which school is closed for holidays, teachers' institutes, and inclement weather shall not be considered as days in session.

A half-day class or shortened school day shall be considered the equivalent of a full day only if school is in session for four or more hours, exclusive of recess periods or lunch periods.

~~A school day shall consist of not less than four hours of actual instruction. A half-day class shall be considered the equivalent of a full day's attendance only if the class is in session for four hours or more, exclusive of recess periods or lunch periods.~~

~~The Commission of Education shall adopt annually shall annually prescribe a list of religious holidays on which it shall be mandatory to excuse students for religious observance upon the written request signed by the parent or person standing in loco parentis. that will include, but need not be limited to, those holidays designated as religious holidays by the Commissioner of Education.~~ Staff members shall avoid, whenever possible, scheduling a test on a religious holiday commonly observed by students of the Commission.

N.J.S.A. 18A:25-3; 18A:36-2; 18A:36-16

N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3

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