

Descriptor Term: CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL YEAR

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Rescinds: AE

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All schools in the Gulfport School District will be kept in session for at least one hundred eighty (180) days in each scholastic year of the fiscal year, July through June.

ACADEMIC YEAR - the amount of time that must be scheduled in the educational calendar will consist of the minimum of 180 teaching days with the following exception: a specified number of days (2) in the academic calendar as determined by the SBE may be shortened for purposes approved or sanctioned by the SBE. Such days must offer at least 60% of the designated minutes of academic instruction contained in a regular teaching day.

The Board of Trustees will establish, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, an official school calendar for the ensuing school year, not later than the first regular April meeting. The regular calendar will include the number of student days, number of work days for staff members and will indicate holiday periods. The calendar adopted will be consistent with existing statutes, State Board of Education (SBE) directives and requirements of accreditation standards. Annually, a school calendar committee will be appointed to develop a proposed school day calendar. The committee will be representative of community, students, and staff.

Reference: Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2004

Legal Reference: Mississippi Code 1972, §37-13-61, §37-13-63, §37-151-5