

## **Instruction**

### **School Calendar**

The New London Board of Education believes that the academic achievement and development of our students can be positively influence by the school calendar designed to maximize instructional time.

The Superintendent of Schools shall recommend school calendars meeting all statutory requirements to the Board of Education for its review and modified as it believes appropriate, for its approval in the spring of the year previous to the expiration of the calendar then in force. By law, the standard school year must consist of at least 180 days and 900 hours of actual school sessions. The number of days scheduled for students shall meet or may exceed the requirements of state law.

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 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, in establishing a graduation date for the New London High School Multi-Magnet Campus, may establish for any school year a firm graduation date which is no earlier than the one-hundred eightieth day in the adopted school calendar.

The Board of Education may use the RESC developed and approved uniform regional school calendar for the school year commencing July 1, 2017 and each school year thereafter.

Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the Board of Education may develop and adopt its own school calendar to begin school on any day before or after Labor Day.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

1-4 Days designated as legal holidays.

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

Connecticut General Statutes (continued)

10-16l Establishment of graduation date.

10-233j Student possession and use of telecommunication devices.

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

10-261 Definitions.

[10-66q](#) Development and adoption of uniform regional school calendar. Report.

PA 22-47 An Act Concerning Children's Mental Health

PA 22-128 An Act Establishing Juneteenth Independence Day as a Legal Holiday

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