Book	Policy Manual
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Title	School Calendar
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Purpose

The Board recognizes that preparation of a calendar is necessary for the efficient operation of the School District.

Authority

The Board shall determine annually the days and the hours when the schools shall be in session for instructional purposes, in accordance with state law and regulations. This shall include, as appropriate, activities qualifying as instructional days or hours under the direction of certified school employees for fulfilling the minimum required days or hours of instruction under law, regulations and state guidance. [1][2][3][4][5][6][7][8][9]. The District will ~~and shall~~ "meet and discuss" the school calendar with the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers prior to adoption by the Board.~~[1]~~[2][3][4][5]

The school calendar shall normally consist of a minimum of ~~180 student days~~.[1][5][6]

180 student days or 900 hours of instruction at the elementary level and 990 hours of instruction at the secondary level, and pre-kindergarten programs

The Board reserves the right to alter the adopted school calendar when it is in the best interests of the District, including in cases of emergency, in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The Board shall take action to establish temporary provisions in cases of emergency, in accordance with law, and shall document such actions with the PA Department of Education when required. [2][5][6][7][9][11][12][13][14]

Temporary provisions established in accordance with law may include but are not limited to: [1][2][5][6][7][8][9][12][13][15]

1. Keeping schools in session on such days and hours as the Board deems necessary, which shall include maintaining the requirement for a minimum of 180 student days or 900 hours of instruction at the elementary level and 990 hours of instruction at the secondary level and prekindergarten programs~~.~~
2. Reducing the length of time of daily instruction for courses and classes.
3. Implementing remote or other alternative methods of delivering instruction under the direction of certified school employees.

Each year, prior to finalizing the school calendar, the Board must discuss the use or potential use of flexible instructional days and remote or virtual instructional days at a public board meeting. [7][14]

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall annually prepare ~~annually~~ a school calendar for Board adoption.

The Superintendent or designee shall document alterations to the school calendar and any temporary provisions in accordance with law, regulations, guidance from the PA Department of Education and District policy. [7][14][15]

Legal

1. 24. P.S. 133
2. ~~1.~~ 24 P.S. 1501
3. ~~2.~~ 24 P.S. 1502
4. ~~3.~~ 24 P.S. 1503
5. ~~4.~~ 24 P.S. 1504
6. 24. P.S. 1505
7. 24 P.S. 1506
8. 22 Pa Code 11.1
9. 22 Pa Code 11.2
10. ~~5.~~ 22 PA Code 4.4
11. 24 P.S. 520
12. 24 P.S. 520.1
13. 24 P.S. 1501.3
14. Pol. 006
15. Pol. 805

~~6. 22 PA Code 11.1~~