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8210 SCHOOL YEAR

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

The Board shall annually approve the days when the schools will be in session for instructional purposes. The school calendar will provide no fewer than 183 days of instruction in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9. 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, except that one continuous session of two and one-half hours may be considered a full day for Kindergarten in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3(b).

An approved Kindergarten shall meet the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3(c).

The Superintendent shall annually prepare and submit, with due consideration of the districts in the region, to the Board a school calendar prior to the beginning of the school year. The Board reserves the right to alter the school calendar when such alteration is feasible and serves the best interests of the students of this district.

The decision to close school, delay the opening of school or dismiss school early for emergency or special reasons is delegated to the Superintendent. He/She will use his/her judgment on weather, safety data and other information available to him/her at the time and will consult the regional district administrative staff.



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The Superintendent shall annually prepare and submit to the Board a school calendar for the next school year no later than the May Board of Education Meeting. The Board reserves the right to alter the school calendar when: such alteration is feasible and serves the best interests of the students of this district; the number of school closings during the school year extend the school year past a reasonable closing date in June; there is an extended school closing during the school year due to an unforeseen circumstance; and/or due to any reason deemed in the best interest of students.

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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