

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The board of trustees recognizes that the preparation of a calendar for the instructional program of the schools is necessary for orderly educational planning and for the efficient operation of the school.

The board shall determine annually the days when the schools shall be in session for instructional purposes. Such school calendar shall consist of no fewer than the 180 days of instruction required by law.

When an interruption in educational programming causes a disabled student's performance to revert to a lower level of functioning that cannot be recouped within a reasonable length of time, an extended school year shall be provided in accordance with the student's IEP. In any case, the school year shall be at least as long for students with disabilities as for nondisabled students.

The lead person shall prepare the school calendar for board consideration in consultation with teacher and administrator association representatives and the Executive County Superintendent. The board reserves the right to alter the school calendar when feasible and advisable in the best interests of the children of the school.

The board shall adopt annually a list of religious holidays that shall consist as a minimum of those holidays designated by the commissioner of education. Student absences shall be excused for observance of board approved religious holidays (see policy 5113 Attendance, Absences and Excuses).

Adopted:

Key Words

School Calendar

<u>Legal References:</u>	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7F-9	Aid to school districts conditioned on compliance with rules and standards for equalization of opportunity; aid withheld for noncompliance
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:25-3	Teaching, etc., on holidays not required
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:36-1	School year
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:36-2	Times when schools are open; determination
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:14-4.1(c)	General requirements
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-8.3	School attendance

Piscataway Twp. Ed. Ass'n v. Piscataway Township BOE, App. Div. opinion, Dkt. No. A-7215-95T2, January 24, 1998

Possible

<u>Cross References:</u>	*2210	Administrative leeway in absence of board policy
	*5113	Absences and excuses
	*5127	Commencement activities
	*6112	School day
	*6114	Emergencies and disaster preparedness
	*6146	Graduation requirements
	*6171.4	Special education

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.