

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school calendar shall accommodate the education program of the district. The school calendar shall be for a minimum of 1,080 hours and include, but is not limited to, the hours for student instruction, staff development, in-service days and teacher conferences. Each year the minimum school calendar may include up to 5 days or 30 hours of instruction delivered primarily over the internet.

The academic school year for students shall be for a minimum of one-thousand eighty hours in the school calendar. The academic school year for students may not begin prior to August 23. Employees may be required to report to work at the district prior to this date.

Special education students may attend school on a school calendar different from that of the regular education program consistent with their Individualized Education Program.

The board, in its discretion, may excuse graduating seniors from up to 30 hours of instruction after the district requirements for graduation have been met. The board may also excuse graduating seniors from making up hours missed due to inclement weather if the student has met the district's graduation requirements.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent or designee to develop the school calendar for recommendation, approval, and adoption by the board annually. The board may amend the official school calendar when the board considers the change to be in the best interests of the district's education program.

The board shall hold a public hearing prior to adoption or amendment of the school calendar.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Code of Iowa, Chapter 20.9; 279.10; 280.3; 299.1 (2).
281 I.A.C. 12.1(7); 41.106.

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