

POLICY: 601.2

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school calendar shall accommodate the education program of the district. The school calendar shall be for a minimum of 180 days or 1,080 hours and include, but is not limited to, the days for student instruction, staff development, in-service days and teacher conferences.

The academic school year for students shall be for a minimum of one-hundred and eighty (180) days in the school calendar. The academic school year for students may not begin prior to September but may begin in the week in which September 1 falls unless a waiver is obtained from the Iowa Department of Education. Should September 1 fall on a Sunday, school may begin any day during the calendar week which immediately precedes September 1. 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 five days of instruction after the district requirements for graduation have been met. The board may also excuse graduating seniors from making up days 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 adoption process shall be consistent with obligations contained in contracts entered into by the district with the certified bargaining units.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Code of Iowa, Chapter 20.9; 279.10; 280.3 (1995)
281 I.A.C. 12.2(1).

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