

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

The board of education 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 district.

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.

The superintendent shall prepare the school calendar for board consideration in consultation with teacher association representatives, administration and the constituent districts of the Lenape Council of Schools.

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 non-disabled students.

The board reserves the right to alter the school calendar when feasible and advisable in the best interests of the children of the district.

The board shall adopt annually a list of religious holidays which shall consist as a minimum of those holidays designated by the commissioner of education.

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**Legal References:** Use legal reference sheet.

**Key Words:** School Calendar

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**Other Reasons:**

Common sense indicates the advisability of policy stating the board's authority in establishing the district calendar. N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9 authorizes the commissioner of education to withhold all or part of the district's state aid if instruction has not been provided for a minimum of 180 days.

**Recommendation:**

A policy as above.

- Legal** N.J.S.A. Aid to school districts conditioned on compliance with rules and standards for  
**References:** 18A:7F-9 equalization of opportunity; aid withheld for noncompliance  
 N.J.S.A. General mandatory powers and duties  
 18A:11-1  
 N.J.S.A. Teaching, etc., on holidays not required  
 18A:25-3  
 N.J.S.A. School year  
 18A:36-1  
 N.J.S.A. Times when schools are open; determination  
 18A:36-2  
 N.J.A.C. School attendance  
 6:20-1.3

- Possible Cross References:**
- \*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.