

SCHOOL CALENDAR/SCHOOL YEAR

The school calendar for the ensuing school year shall be prepared by the Superintendent (or his/her designee) and presented for Board of Education approval in a timely manner each year. The number of days of planned teacher-student instruction, teacher -student contact, and the starting and ending times of each school shall meet or exceed the requirements of state law, provided the calendar includes:

1. 146 student contact days.
2. 156 teacher work days.
3. The following holidays are observed as non-school days.
 - a. Labor Day
 - b. Thanksgiving Day and the day after
 - c. Christmas Day and the day after or the day before.
 - d. New Years Day
 - e. Memorial Day

Any variance from the approved calendar and/or starting/ending times must be approved by the Board of Education.

****Note**** State law establishes the school year as 1080 hours of planned teacher-student instruction for secondary school students (Middle/High School). 990 hours of such instruction for elementary school students. And no less than 450 of such instruction for a half-day Kindergarten program in order for a District to be eligible for equalization program support (CRS 22-32-109 (l) (n)). The law also requires a Board of Education annually to determine the length of the following school year which must consist of at least 1056 hours for secondary schools or 968 hours for elementary schools. In no case shall a school schedule fewer than 160 days without specific prior approval of the commissioner of education.

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