

**SCHOOL YEAR, SCHOOL CLOSURES, AND SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR****SCHOOL YEAR**

The school year shall be a minimum of 190 days, including a minimum of 180 instructional days for students and six additional days for the teaching staff, emergency days, etc.

The school year shall be a minimum of 180 instructional days for students as required in the rules of the NH Education Department and additional days for the teaching staff, emergency days, etc.

**SCHOOL CLOSURES**

Any days that the schools are closed for emergency reasons and are not designated by the Superintendent as distance education days, shall be made up at the end of the school year, as approved by the Board upon the Superintendent's recommendation. Under special circumstances, the Board may request an exception to this requirement from the State Board of Education.

The school calendar shall be developed by the Superintendent and approved by the Board. To the extent possible, the calendar shall be coordinated with the school calendars of the area vocational schools.

In the event schools are closed for excessive days for emergency reasons, the Superintendent may recommend to the School Board a revised schedule that satisfies all Department of Education requirements, but which may amend the number of days in the school year.

Any days that the schools are closed for emergency reasons shall be made up at the end of the school year or during school vacation periods, as approved by the Board upon the Superintendent's recommendation. Under special circumstances, the Board may request an exception to this requirement from the State Board of Education. The Board recognizes its option to explore defining the school year by number of hours rather than by number of days.

**DISTANCE EDUCATION DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER**

If inclement weather makes it unsafe to safely transport students to or from in-person instruction, the Superintendent or designee is authorized to designate that day as a remote instruction or "distance learning" day. Before remote instruction/distance learning is used as an instructional day for the purpose of satisfying the minimum instructional day/hour requirements of the New Hampshire Education Department, the Superintendent shall ensure that a plan exists with procedures to promote and allow for participation by all students in any affected school.

Prior to approving designating a day as a remote instruction/distance learning day, or any school/district-wide distance education that is dependent on technology, the Superintendent or the designee shall consider the impact that the inclement weather event might have on necessary technology.

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Distance education shall only count toward required instructional days/time when conducted in accordance with N.H. Dept. of Education Rule Ed 306.22.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

The school calendar shall be developed by the Superintendent and approved by the Board. Any exceptions or revisions to the calendar thereafter must be approved in advance by the Board.

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The Superintendent shall ensure that the calendar conforms to the number of actual days of instruction and employment as required by law, Board policy, and staff contracts.

To the extent possible, the calendar shall be coordinated with the school calendars of the area vocational schools, and other districts in the SAU.

The high school graduation date shall be set no more than 5 school days or 30 instructional hours before the end of the scheduled school year. The date may remain fixed notwithstanding the need for other grades to make up days lost to inclement weather or other emergencies.  
Reference Ed 306.18(a)(4).

**Legal References:**

*RSA 189:1, Days of School*

*RSA 189:24, Standard School*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.18, School Year*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.19, School /calendar*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.27(q), High School Schedule for Seniors/Graduation*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.22, Distance Learning*

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