

## 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 days of instruction required by law.

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 Superintendent shall prepare the school calendar for Board consideration in consultation with teacher and administrator association representatives and the Executive County Superintendent. The calendar shall be coordinated as closely as possible with that of the Northern Valley Regional High School. The Board reserves the right to alter the school calendar when feasible and advisable in the best interests of the children of the District.

No student shall be penalized for being absent for religious reasons on any of the religious holidays designated on the Commissioner's annual list.

The Superintendent upon approval of the Board president with the knowledge of the Board may temporarily alter the regular school session or lessen the requirements of the negotiated agreement when he/she deems such alteration advisable and feasible and in the best interest of the children of the District. The Superintendent may close the schools, delay the opening of schools, or dismiss school early for emergency reasons and to protect the health and safety of students and staff members. He/she shall prepare rules for the proper and timely notification of concerned persons in the event of such emergency closings.

**Legal References:**    N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9    Aid to school Districts conditioned on compliance with rules and standards for equalization of opportunity; aid withheld for noncompliance  
N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1    General mandatory powers and duties  
N.J.S.A. 18A:25-3    Teaching, etc., on holidays not required  
N.J.S.A. 18A:36-1    School year  
N.J.S.A. 18A:36-2    Times when schools are open; determination  
N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.1(c)    General requirements  
N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3    School attendance

Piscataway Twp. Ed. Ass'n v. Piscataway Township BOE, App. Div. opinion, Dkt. No. A-7215-95T2, January 24, 1998

**Cross References:**    \*2210    Administrative leeway in absence of Board policy  
                                 \*5113    Absences and excuses  
                                 \*5127    Commencement activities  
                                 \*6112    School day

**SCHOOL CALENDAR (continued)**

**Cross References: (continued)**

- \*6114 Emergencies and disaster preparedness
- \*6146 Graduation requirements
- \*6171.4 Special education

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.

**Key Words**

School Calendar, Emergency Closings

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