

## 8210 SCHOOL YEAR

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 school district.

The Board shall determine annually the days when the schools will be in session. Unless the Board exercises its right to alter the calendar for any particular calendar year, such school calendar shall consist of no fewer than the maximum number of instructional and staff attendance days contained in the negotiated agreements.

A half-day class or shortened school day shall be considered the equivalent of a full day only if school is in session for four or more hours, exclusive of recess periods or lunch periods.

The Superintendent shall in consultation with the Calendar Committee propose the school calendar for Board consideration. 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 number of school closings during the school year extend the school year past a reasonable closing date in June; there is an extended school closing during the school year due to an unforeseen circumstance; and/or due to any reason deemed in the best interest of the student.

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.

N.J.S.A. 18A:25-3; 18A:36-2; 18A:36-16  
N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3

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