

Policy

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Township of Union 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.

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 nondisabled students.

In March of each school year, the Chief School Administrator shall prepare the school calendar for board consideration. Before presenting the school calendar to the Board for approval, the Chief School Administrator will forward both the UTEA President and the Principals and Supervisors a copy of the proposed school calendar for any possible suggestions. A copy will also be forwarded to the Executive County Superintendent. 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 Chief School Administrator shall supply annually a list of religious holidays to the Board of Education that shall consist as a minimum of those holidays designated by the commissioner of education. Student absences shall be excused for observance of board approved religious holidays (see policy 5113 Attendance, Absences and Excuses).

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Key Words

School Calendar

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

SCHOOL CALENDAR (continued)

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| <u>Cross References:</u> | *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.