

ACADEMIC CALENDAR/YEAR/DAY

State law requires the district to set a district start date and establish an academic calendar that provides for a minimum of 1,044 hours of actual student attendance (522 hours for kindergarten students) during a school term, excluding summer school. The school year runs from July 1 to June 30.

Attendance hours will be counted only if the students are under the guidance and direction of teachers engaged in the teaching process. A school term may be within a school year or may consist of parts of two consecutive school years, but a school term does not include summer school. In addition, the district may choose to offer two or more terms for different groups of students. The specific daily opening and closing time for individual schools may vary.

The Board recognizes the relationship between attendance and student achievement and directs the superintendent to develop an academic calendar designed to improve student achievement, exceeding the minimum requirements if necessary. The academic calendar will include sufficient time for high-quality professional development. The superintendent will present the proposed academic calendar for the next year to the Board no later than March. The presentation will include an explanation of how the calendar relates to improving student achievement and how the proposed calendar assists the district in meeting its Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) goals. The presentation will also include the budget recommendations necessary to support the proposed calendar.

In accordance with Missouri law, if the proposed date for beginning the school term is earlier than ten calendar days prior to the first Monday in September, the Board must adopt the calendar at a posted open meeting by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board. The posted agenda for the meeting will include a specific notice explaining that the Board will be considering the adoption of an academic calendar with a start date that is more than ten calendar days prior to the first Monday in September. The Board will adopt an academic calendar not later than May 1. Upon Board approval of the academic calendar, the superintendent will distribute copies to the staff and appropriately notify parents/guardians and students.

The academic calendar will include 36 make-up hours for possible loss of attendance due to inclement weather as defined in state law. If the district uses these 36 make-up hours and still does not meet the minimum attendance requirements, it will make up half the number of hours lost or canceled in excess of 36 hours as necessary to meet the required 1,044 hours. However, the district is not required to make up more than a total of 60 hours.

Days that the district's schools are closed for reasons other than inclement weather will be made up in accordance with state law, as recommended by the superintendent and approved by the Board.

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The district strongly recommends that parents/guardians and employees refrain from making vacation and other travel plans without considering the possibility that the school term will end later than anticipated due to required make-up hours.

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Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.

Adopted: 1-17-19

Revised:

Cross Refs: BDDA, Notification of Board Meetings
BDDB, Agendas
EBC, Emergency Drills
GCBDA, Professional Staff Short-Term Leaves
GDBDA, Support Staff Leaves
JED, Student Attendance

Legal Refs: ' ' 160.011, .041, 163.021, 171.029, .031 - .033, RSMo.

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