

STUDENT SCHOOL YEAR

District school will be in session for a minimum of 180 instructional days per year for student instruction (reference Policy ICA). Instructional requirements for each student may also be met with students receiving an equivalent minimum number of hours of instructional time: a minimum of 945 instructional hours at the elementary level, or 990 instructional hours at the middle and high school levels, per school year.

The superintendent shall ensure that the proposed school day conforms to the number of actual days and hours of instruction as required by law, board policy, and staff contracts. Districts wishing to adopt a schedule based solely, or in part, on hours must submit a plan to the NH Department of Education for approval prior to implementation.

Any days that the schools are closed for emergency reasons will be made up in accordance with state guidelines, as approved by the school board upon the superintendent's recommendation.

Under special circumstances the school board may request an exception to this requirement from the State Board of Education.

Legal References:

RSA 198:1, *School Boards, Superintendents, Teachers, and Truant Officers; Days of 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 Curriculum, Credits, Graduation Requirements, and Cocurricular Program*

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