

## **IC - SCHOOL YEAR**

In order to meet the educational requirements per the State Board of Education, the School Board reserves the right to select either option 1 or option 2 for the school year and the school calendar.

### **Option 1: School Year Based on Days**

The school year shall be a minimum of 190 days, including a minimum of 180 instructional days for students and additional days for staff development, conferences, and other such needs, and for instructional time lost due to inclement weather or unexpected circumstances.

Any days that the schools are closed for emergency reasons will be made up at the end of the school year or during recess periods, as approved by the Board upon the Superintendent's recommendation. Under special circumstances the Board may request an exception to this requirement from the State Board of Education.

### **Option 2: School Year Based on Hours**

District schools will be available for instruction based on the instructional requirements for students attending elementary, middle, and high schools. Elementary students shall be scheduled for a minimum of 945 instructional hours per school year. Middle and high school students shall be scheduled for a minimum of 990 instructional hours per school year. Additional time shall be included in the school calendar for per school year for staff development, conferences, and other such needs, and for instructional time lost due to inclement weather or unexpected circumstances.

Any days that the schools are closed for emergency reasons will be made up at the end of the school year or during recess periods, as approved by the Board upon the Superintendent's recommendation. Under special circumstances the Board may request an exception to this requirement from the State Board of Education.

### **Statutory/Regulatory/Policy/Handbook Cross References**

RSA 189:1 (Days of School)

Ed 306.18 (School Year)

Ed 306.19 (School Calendar)

Ed 306.27 (q) (High School Schedule for Seniors/Graduation)

Handbook (None)

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PREVIOUS POLICY: September 10, 1980 – School Attendance