

Unity School District - Board of Education

Board Policy ~~322~~ 321

School Day and Calendar ~~Annual School Calendar and School Day~~

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SCHOOL DAY:

~~In order for the Board of Education to meet state and student education requirements, the length of the school day needs to be established and allowances to modify the school day to promote learning by students.~~

~~The school day for each school shall be established annually, prior to the start of the school year. The school day shall be published in the student handbook and online at the District website. The school day shall meet state requirements, established by the DPI.~~

EXCEPTIONS:

~~Variations from this schedule for inservice, parent-teacher conferences or similar events established by the Board of Education will supersede the policy.~~

~~The school day may be modified by the District Administrator or designee assigned in absence of the District Administrator when weather conditions or other emergencies arise.~~

~~Principals may modify the school day to promote student learning which may include but is not limited to field trips, school programs, and/or special events.~~

SCHOOL CALENDAR:

~~The Board of Education shall adopt a school calendar annually in compliance with state statute and DPI regulations.~~

~~Such calendar shall be developed by two Board members, assigned by the Board President, Superintendent, and others assigned by the Superintendent.~~

~~The calendar days of instruction and workdays are to be developed and adopted by the Board of Education by April 1st for the next school year. The Board of Education may adopt multiple years at a time.~~

~~The Superintendent shall certify, to the DPI, the number of hours of instruction annually.~~

The School Board's goal is to approve an annual school calendar that establishes at least the days that are planned for direct student instruction and on which students are expected to attend school, as well as any days on which parent conferences are planned, by April of the preceding school year.

The Board Calendar Committee Representatives and District Administrator shall prepare a proposed annual school calendar and present the proposed calendar to the Board for approval in a timely fashion. In addition to identifying at least the days on which students will be expected to attend school and any days that are planned for parent conferences, the calendar proposal shall (1) include a calculation of the planned hours of student instruction, and (2) identify the extent to which such planned hours of student instruction meet or exceed the minimum requirements established by applicable laws and regulations. The Board of Education may adopt multiple years at a time.

The administrative calendar proposal may identify one or more items which are more tentative in nature and which, therefore, may be more likely to change and/or which may expressly be left as “subject to later confirmation.”

After an annual school calendar is approved by the Board and publicized, the school administration and the Board will be reluctant to substantially modify the calendar, but the District cannot guarantee that no changes will be made. The school day shall be published in the student handbook and online at the District website.

School Day:

1. The District Administrator is authorized to set the school day, and publish in the student-parent handbooks.
2. The school day may be modified by the District Administrator or designee assigned in absence of the District Administrator when weather conditions or other emergencies arise.