



Public Act 101-0012

What you need to know about the changes to instructional days

A new law that takes effect July 1, 2019, reinstates the requirement that a school day consist of a minimum of five hours of instructional time, a provision that previously sunset in 2017. Public Act 101-0012 also allows school districts statewide to utilize e-learning days in lieu of emergency days and maintains flexibility for students to engage in career-connected learning outside of the classroom.

ISBE's 2019-20 school year calendar application is now open for submissions in IWAS. Calendars should be submitted prior to the first day of the school year. If additional time is needed, please contact schoolcalendars@isbe.net.

ISBE will provide further guidance on how districts can proceed with instructional day flexibility.



REGISTER FOR THE E-LEARNING WEBINAR!

Three Illinois school districts piloted using e-learning in lieu of emergency days. The Learning Technology Center is hosting a webinar with the pilot districts. You can also read a case study of the pilot districts at isbe.net/elearningstory.

Public Act 101-0012:

- Reinstates the minimum of five hours of instructional time.

Contains exemptions for students:

- Enrolled in dual credit.
- Participating in supervised career development experiences, as defined by the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act.
- Participating in youth apprenticeships.
- Participating in blended learning programs.

Allows districts to utilize:

- E-learning days in lieu of emergency days, expanding the three-district pilot program to all districts.
- Two of the 176 calendar days as parent/teacher conference days.