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SCHOOL YEAR**

The school year shall be not less than one hundred eighty (180) instructional days.

Each instructional day shall consist of not less than the minimum amount of time prescribed in A.R.S. 15-901 for each respective program level.

The school district or charter school may satisfy any of the time and hours requirements prescribed in statute in any manner prescribed in the district's or charter school's instructional time model adopted under section 15-901.08.

Except as may be otherwise authorized by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to accommodate a year-round school operation or as otherwise prescribed under an instructional time model adopted pursuant to A.R.S. 15-901.08, the school year begins July 1 and ends June 30, and a school month is twenty (20) school days or four (4) weeks of five (5) days each.

Notwithstanding any other law, for the purposes of meeting the instructional time and instructional hours requirements prescribed in A.R.S. 15-808 and A.R.S. 15-901, a school district governing board, after at least two (2) public hearings in the school district, or a charter school governing body for one (1) or more schools may adopt any instructional time models (ITM) as prescribed in A.R.S. 15-901 to meet the minimum annual instructional time and instructional hours requirements prescribed in A.R.S. 15-808 and A.R.S. 15-901 for all of the purposes described in A.R.S. 15-901.08.

The Board shall establish the school calendar each year after recommendations from the Superintendent.

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LEGAL REF.:

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