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The Board of Education shall ensure that its school calendar complies with the common calendar adopted by the Kalamazoo Intermediate School District (ISD), unless the District is statutorily exempt from this requirement or receives a waiver from the Superintendent of Public Instruction in compliance with State law. The common calendar will identify the specific dates for each school year when school will not be in session for at least a winter holiday break, and a spring break for at least the next five (5) school years, and may further describe them more generally for subsequent school years as long as the dates can be readily determined. This calendar shall be posted on the District's web site and distributed to the District's constituents. The calendar shall provide for the instructional program of the schools, for orderly educational planning, and for the efficient operation of the District.

The Board shall determine annually the total number of days when the schools will be in session for instructional purposes. To avoid withholding of State-school aid payments, the number of days and number of hours will be in accordance with statute. The Board shall ensure that school is not in session before Labor Day, unless the District is statutorily exempt from this requirement or receives a waiver from the Superintendent of Public Instruction in compliance with State law.

A school session shall not be held on the following public holidays in Michigan Public Schools: January 1st, New Year's Day; the last Monday of May, Memorial or Decoration Day; July 4th, Independence Day; the first Monday in September, Labor Day; the fourth Thursday of November, Thanksgiving Day; and December 25th, Christmas Day.

If one (1) of these days falls on Sunday, the Monday following shall be a public holiday in the public schools.

The District shall provide at least 1,098 hours during 180 days of student instruction per school year, unless it obtains a waiver from this requirement.

The District's Superintendent is authorized to work with the Intermediate School District on the development of a common calendar for all of the districts in the ISD.

No more than six (6) days of student instruction lost due to conditions not within the control of the District (e.g., severe storms, fires, epidemics, and health conditions), can be counted as a part of the required minimum hours/days of instruction. With the approval of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, not more than three (3) additional days or the equivalent number of additional hours for which instruction is not provided due to unusual and extenuating occurrences resulting from conditions not within the control of school authorities (such as those conditions described above) shall be counted. Hours lost due to strikes by District staff or to teacher conferences, unless approved as qualifying professional development in accordance with State law, shall not be counted as hours of instruction.

The Superintendent shall certify to the Department of Education by no later than August 1st of each year, the number of hours of student instruction during the previous school year.

M.C.L. 380.1284, 380.1284a, 380.1284b

M.C.L. 380.1175, 388.1701

A.C. Rule R340.10 et seg.

Reference: Pupil Accounting Manual 2019-2020, Michigan Department of Education

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