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### **INSTRUCTION**

#### **6:20 School Year Calendar and Day**

##### School Calendar

The Board of Education, upon the Superintendent's recommendation and subject to State regulations, annually establishes the dates for opening and closing classes, teacher institutes and in-services, the length and dates of vacations, and the days designated as legal school holidays. The school calendar shall have a minimum of 185 days to ensure 176 days of actual student attendance.

##### Commemorative Holidays

The teachers and students shall devote a portion of the school day on each commemorative holiday designated in the School Code to study and honor the commemorated person or occasion. The Board may, from time to time, designate a regular school day as a commemorative holiday.

##### School Day

The Board establishes the length of the school day with the recommendation of the Superintendent and subject to State law requirements. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that observances required by State law are followed during each day of school attendance.

##### Days Lost

Days lost due to conditions not within the control of the District such as severe storms, fires, epidemics, and health conditions can be counted as a part of the minimum 176 days of instruction, in accordance with State law.

The Superintendent, or designee, shall certify to the Regional Superintendent by no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, the number of days and hours of student instruction during the previous year.

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/10-19](#), [5/10-19.05](#), [5/10-20.56](#), [5/10-24.46](#), [5/10-30](#), [5/18-12](#), [5/18-12.5](#), [5/24-2](#), [5/27-3](#), [5/27-18](#), [5/27-19](#), [5/27-20](#), [5/27-20.1](#), [5/27-20.2](#), and [20/1](#).

[10 ILCS 5/11-4.1](#).

[5 ILCS 490/](#), [State Commemorative Dates Act.](#) [PRESSPlus1](#)

[23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.420](#)(f).

*Metzl v. Leininger*, 850 F.Supp. 740 (N.D. Ill. 1994), *aff'd by* 57 F.3d 618 (7th Cir. 1995).

CROSS REF.: 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the Board of Education; Indemnification), 4:180 (Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery), 5:200 (Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal), 5:330 (Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves), 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:70 (Teaching About Religions), 7:90 (Release During School Hours)

### **PRESSPlus Comments**

[PRESSPlus 1](#). The Legal References are updated. **Issue 108, November 2021**