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## **602 ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL CALENDAR AND SCHOOL DAY**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to provide for a timely determination of the school calendar and school day.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

It is important to parents, students, employees, and the general public to have advance knowledge of the school calendar and school day to effectively plan for the school year.

### **III. CALENDAR RESPONSIBILITY**

- A. The school calendar shall be adopted annually by the school board. It shall meet all provisions of Minnesota statutes pertaining to minimum number of school days and other provisions of law. The school calendar shall establish student days, workshop and inservice days for staff, provide for emergency closings and other information related to students, staff and parents.
- B. Except for learning programs during summer and flexible learning year programs, the school district will not commence an elementary or secondary school year before Labor Day unless beginning the school year earlier will accommodate a construction or remodeling project of \$400,000 or more, which affects a district's school facility. Days devoted to teacher's workshop and inservice may be held before Labor Day.
- C. Employee and advisory groups shall be provided an opportunity to participate in school calendar considerations through a meet and confer process.

### **IV. SCHOOL DAY RESPONSIBILITY**

- A. The superintendent shall be responsible for developing a schedule for the student day, subject to review by the school board. All requirements and provisions of Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Department Education Rules shall be met.
- B. In developing the student day schedule, the superintendent shall consider such factors as school bus schedules, cooperative programs, differences in time requirements at various grade levels, effective utilization of facilities, cost effectiveness, and other concerns deserving of attention.

- C. Proposed changes in the school day shall be subject to review and approval by the school board.

***Legal References:*** Minn. Stat. § 120A.40 (School Calendar)  
Minn. Stat. § 120A.41 (Length of School Year; Days of Instruction)  
Minn. Stat. § 120A.415 (Extended School Calendar)  
Minn. Stat. § 120A.42 (Holidays)  
Minn. Stat. § 122A.40, Subds. 7 and 7a (Employment; Contracts; Termination)  
Minn. Stat. § 124D.11, Subd. 9 (Revenue for Results Oriented Charter School)  
Minn. Stat. § 127A.41, Subd. 7 (Distribution of School Aids; Appropriation)

***Cross References:*** MSBA/MASA Model Policy 425 (Staff Development)