

Snow Days and Last Days for the 2023 – 2024 School Year

Board Policy:

It is one of the duties and within the power of the local school board to establish and maintain the school calendar. The superintendent holds the responsibility to make recommendations to the board for calendar adoption. School board policy 601.1 School Calendar reads as follows:

“The board may amend the official school calendar when the board considers the change to be in the best interests of the school district’s education program.”

Background:

Last year, the Belmond-Klemme School Board approved a calendar for this year that had the last day for students on Wednesday, May 29, with Thursday, May 30, a teacher workday.

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MAY 2023								
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11	May 21	Commencement
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	May 29	Original Student Last Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	May 29	Memorial Day
26	27	28	29	30	31		May 30	Original Teacher Last Day

Belmond-Klemme Schools counts hours, rather than strictly counting days. This gives the Board some flexibility in how the missed days are made up. The Iowa Department of Education advises: “Making up these hours – especially if a district has had more than a couple of them – is sound educational practice.”

Recommended Action:

I recommend the board move to adjust the school calendar for the current year so that the last day for students is Friday, May 31, and the workday for teachers is Monday, June 3, 2023, conditional upon no further school cancellations for weather or other unforeseen circumstances. See the revised calendar below.