

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

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**Comment [A1]:** calendar will be exhibit to this policy

### **BOARD POLICY**

1. The Board shall adopt a school calendar in accordance with the requirements of the Mississippi Department of Education and Mississippi law. ~~The Board will establish~~The official school calendar will be established no later than March of each year for the ensuing year and prior to the issuance of personnel contracts. ~~for the ensuing school year.~~

~~The development of a school calendar involves consideration of numerous requirements associated with the regulatory responsibilities of the Mississippi Department of Education along with the Laws of the State of Mississippi.~~

~~For the purpose of long range planning, tentative calendars for future years may also be developed.~~

**Comment [A2]:** Move to admin procedure

2. The school calendar will include the following dates:
  - 2.1. Scheduled dates of attendance for students and staff members.
  - 2.2. Holiday periods, **including:**
    - Labor Day
    - Thanksgiving
    - Christmas
    - New Year's
    - M.-L. **Martin Luther** King Day
    - Good Friday
    - Memorial Day
  - 2.3. Dates of term tests and semester examinations.
  - 2.4. Issue dates for student report cards and progress reports.
  - 2.5. Make-up days as a result of emergency school closings.
  - 2.6. Any other information deemed relevant.

~~Input will be solicited from the community, students and staff regarding the development of the annual school calendar. Calendars will be consistent with existing state statues and regulations.~~

**3. The Board authorizes the superintendent to develop and propose a school calendar consistent with this policy.**

~~will be responsible for the development of a proposed school calendar to be recommended to the Board for approval and adoption.~~

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

A summary of these laws and regulations follows:

### ~~Laws of the State of Mississippi~~

1. The academic year **shall be** provides a minimum of 180 teaching days. (~~MS Code 37-13-63~~)

~~Beginning with the 1994-95 school year, no school district shall contract with any licensed personnel for less than less than 187 employment days. (MS Code 37-9-24)~~

### ~~Mississippi Department of Education Commission on School Accreditation~~

2. The opening date of the school year **shall be** is scheduled after August 1st and the closing date **shall be** on or before June 15th. (~~State Board Policy, AEA~~)

3. Two of the 180 teaching days may be 60% days provided that there are 198 minutes of actual instructional or testing and the remainder of each day is used for staff development or other related activities. (~~Standard 17.4, Bulletin 171~~)

4. Local considerations **will be taken into account as follows:**

4.1. ~~Recommendation that~~ The day prior to Thanksgiving Day be recognized as a holiday;

4.2. ~~Recommendation that~~ The first semester end prior to the Christmas Holidays;

4.3. ~~Recommendation that~~ The Christmas holidays extend over three consecutive weekends;

4.4. ~~Recommendation that~~ The school year be concluded prior to Memorial Day;

~~Recommendation that~~ The following additional holidays be observed: Labor Day, Martin Luther King Day, and Good Friday;

4.5. ~~Recommendation that~~ Spring holidays include five consecutive working days; ~~inclusive of two full weekends;~~

4.6. ~~Recommendation that~~ One staff day be provided for the purpose of Industry Education Day;

4.7. ~~Recommendation that~~ The Tupelo Public School District and Lee County School District school calendars be compatible due to such shared services as the **Vocational Center and Alternative Schools;**

Comment [A3]: Stated above

Comment [A4]: Is this still valid?

~~Each semester should contain approximately ninety student days;~~

4.8. ~~Recommendation that~~ one full day be provided for staff at the end of the school year for the purpose of records, reports, and related activities;

**EXHIBITS**

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**REFERENCES**

MCA § 37-13-63; MDE Commission on School Accreditation Policy AEA

**FORMS**

None