

Existing policy with required modification.

Instruction

School Calendar

The Superintendent of Schools shall recommend school calendars meeting all statutory requirements to the Board of Education for its review and modified as it believes appropriate, for its approval.

The calendars recommended to the Board may include the operation of schools on state holidays providing a suitable nonsectarian educational program is held to observe the holiday, except for those holidays that occur in December and January.

The school calendar shall show school days in each school month, the number of school days in each month, legal and local holidays, staff development days, early closing days, vacation periods, and other pertinent dates, including graduation for students in grade twelve.

The Board, in establishing a graduation date, may establish for any school year a firm graduation date which is no earlier than the one-hundred ~~eighty-fifth~~ **eightieth** day in the adopted school calendar. ~~The graduation date may be modified, if necessary, after April first in any school year by the Board establishing a firm graduation date which, at the time of such establishment, provides for at least 180 days of school.~~

To benefit children, families, and school staff in their planning, multiple year school calendars are preferable to single year school calendars.

The Board of Education may use the RESC developed and approved uniform regional school calendar, for the school year commencing July 1, 2017 and each school year thereafter.

Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the Board of Education may develop and adopt its own school calendar to begin school on any day before or after Labor Day.

(cf. 6146 - Graduation Requirements)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

1-4 Days designated as legal holidays

10-15 Towns to maintain schools, as amended by P.A. 11-85, An Act Concerning the Achievement Gap.

10-29a Certain days to be proclaimed by governor. Distribution and number of proclamations

10-16l Establishment of graduation date. (as amended by PA 19-195)

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10-261 Definitions

PA 95-182 An Act Concerning Reduction of Education Mandates

PA 96-108 An Act Concerning Student Use of Telecommunication Devices and the Establishment of Graduation Dates

PA 17-220 An Act Concerning Education Mandate Relief

PA 19-195 An Act Concerning the Establishment of a Firm Graduation Date and the Date When a School District May Commence School Sessions.

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