

**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM FORM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: April 13, 2010

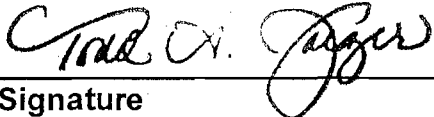
TITLE: Approval of Draft District Calendar for School Year 2011-2012


BACKGROUND: The District's school year calendar must meet specific requirements under Arizona law for the number of instructional days; state law mandates that public schools must have a minimum of "180 instructional days". Since the 180 day requirement went into effect, however, Arizona law has also provided permission for districts to meet the 180 day standard through an equivalent number of instructional minutes over fewer days. For several years, the Amphitheater District utilized the equivalent instructional minutes option, resulting in slightly shorter school year calendars of 178 school days.

The draft calendar which is attached reflects a calendar of 178 days. Current budget discussions at the state capitol suggest the number of school days could vary, however. One of the budget reduction options under consideration by the legislature is a five-day reduction in mandatory school days (180 to 175). This would, of course, impact the calendar for next school year (2010-2011) as well as the calendar currently under study (2011-2012). It would be premature, however, to prepare a calendar for either year at this time, based upon the speculative nature of the final legislative outcome. Thus, future revision of these calendars may be required.

Because the District's calendar does not have "extra" school days built into it, any emergency closure of schools due to weather or other factors must be addressed by ensuring the requisite instructional minute requirements are still met. The District and the Amphitheater Education Association (on behalf of District employees) have agreed that if any schools are closed as a result of any emergency, certificated staff at those schools will have an equivalent number of student reporting days added to their work calendar without additional compensation -- generally by turning the planning days at the end of each semester into student reporting days. As long as the state permits the district to use equivalent instructional minutes rather than 180 days, the district's school calendars will be constructed in this same manner.

RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for the Board's approval, which the administration recommends.

INITIATOR:		Todd A. Jaeger, J.D. Associate to the Supt.	4/5/2010
	Signature	Name/Title	Date

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Amphitheater Public Schools Calendar 2011-2012 School Year

July '11

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

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August '11

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September '11

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October '11

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November '11

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December '11

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January '12

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February '12

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March '12

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April '12

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May '12




SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

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June '12




SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

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-  School Days
-  School Holidays/Vacation (dist ofcs open)
-  All/Returning Teachers Planning Days

Holidays & Intersessions

- July 4 Independence Day
- September 6 Labor Day
- October 10-14 Fall Intersession
- November 11 Veterans' Day
- November 24-25 Thanksgiving
- Dec 19-Jan 2 Winter Break
- Dec 22-26, 30-Jan 2 Winter Holidays
- January 16 Martin Luther King Day
- Feb 23-24 Rodeo Break
- Mar 19-23 Spring Intersession
- Mar 21-23 Spring Break
- May 28 Memorial Day

-  New Teacher Planning Days
-  Holidays/Vacation (all district facilities closed)
-  Teacher Planning Day / Optional 2-hour school day**

Grading Periods

1st	Aug 9-Oct 7	43 days
2nd	Oct 17-Dec 16	41 days
3rd	Jan 3-Mar 16	51 days
4th	Mar 26-May 24	43 days
		Total: 178 days*

Teacher Planning Days

Aug 2	New Teacher Reporting
Aug 5	All Teachers Reporting
Dec 19	End of semester planning
May 24	End of semester planning

Approved _____

* Instructional time equivalent to 180 days
** Contingent upon legislative requirements