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SCHOOL YEAR

The school year shall be not be less than ~~the minimum number of days required by Arizona law, one hundred eighty (180)~~ instructional days.

Each instructional day shall consist of not less than the minimum amount of time prescribed in A.R.S. [15-901](#) for each respective program level. ~~Variance from this requirement may be sought under~~

The school district or charter school may satisfy any of the time and hours requirements prescribed in statute in any manner prescribed in the district's or charter school's instructional time model adopted under section [15-901.08](#).

Except as may be otherwise authorized by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to accommodate a year-round school operation or as otherwise prescribed under an instructional time model adopted pursuant to A.R.S. ~~15-861.901.08~~, the school year begins July 1 and ends June 30, and a school month is twenty (20) school days or four (4) weeks of five (5) days each.

Notwithstanding any other law, for the purposes of meeting the instructional time and instructional hours requirements prescribed in A.R.S. [15-808](#) and A.R.S. [15-901](#), a school district governing board, after at least two (2) public hearings in the school district, or a charter school governing body for one (1) or more schools may adopt any instructional time models (ITM) as prescribed in A.R.S. [15-901](#) to meet the minimum annual instructional time and instructional hours requirements prescribed in A.R.S. [15-808](#) and A.R.S. [15-901](#) for all of the purposes described in A.R.S. [15-901.08](#).

The Board shall establish the school calendar each year after recommendations from the Superintendent.

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LEGAL REF.:—

A.R.S.—

[15-341.01](#) (Laws 2000, 5th S.S., Ch 1 § 54)

[15-801](#)

[15-854](#)

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[15-901.08](#)