

Options for Make-Up Days

I. Baseline Information

A. Four Days To Be Made Up as of January 13, 2011

1. December 15, 2010
2. January 10, 2011
3. January 11, 2011
4. January 12, 2011

B. Academic Year – 2010 MS Public School Accountability Standard 19.0

19.0 The academic year provides a minimum of 180 teaching days in which both teachers and pupils are in regular attendance for scheduled classroom instruction for not less than sixty percent (60%) of the normal school day. {MS Code 37-3-49, 37-13-61 through 69, 37-151-5(j), and 37-151-7(3)(d)}

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19.2 The teaching day must provide at least 330 minutes of instruction per day or 27.5 hours per five-day week. {MS Code 37-13-67}

19.3 The school district must ensure that during the academic school year a minimum of 140 hours of instruction is provided for each Carnegie unit of credit offered and 70 hours for each 1/2 unit offered, except for accelerated learning programs and remedial instructional programs that are proficiency based. A traditional 7-period schedule must provide at least 48 minutes per period, and A/B and 4x4 block schedules must provide at least 94 minutes.

19.4 No more than two of the 180 days may be 60% days, unless the district is utilizing an Early Release schedule that provides at least 27.5 hours per five-day week provided that there are at least 198 minutes of actual instruction or testing and the remainder of the 60% is used for professional development or other activities related to instruction. {MS Code 37-151-5-(j)}

19.5 The school district schedules preparation for graduation ceremonies in such manner that graduating seniors are absent from classes for no more than three days prior to the end of the school year. (*Districts Meeting the Highest Levels of Performance are exempted.*)

19.6 The summer school/extended year program meets all applicable requirements of the regular school program. {MS Code 37-3-49}

- Students from other schools enrolled in summer programs provide written approval from the principal of their home schools.
- Students enrolled in an extended year program complete all remaining course/subject requirements/objectives before credit for the course/subject is issued. {MS Code 37-3-49}

- **Students enrolled in a summer program are limited to earning one Carnegie unit of credit during a traditional summer school session, which does not apply to Extended Year programs and approved virtual course. (*Districts Meeting the Highest Levels of Performance may be exempted under MS Code 37-17-11.*)**

Note: Any request for an exception to the above standard must be submitted in writing to the Commission on School Accreditation for review and action.

Note: If the Governor has declared a disaster emergency or the President of the United States has declared an emergency or major disaster to exist in this state, the local school board may request approval from the State Board of Education to operate the schools in its district for less than one hundred eighty (180) days. {MS Code 37-151-7(3)(d)}

- C. The amount of instructional time prior to state assessment is extremely important.

II. Options for Make-Ups

- A. Add 4 teaching days to the end of the existing academic calendar.
- B. Use existing school holidays (February 21, 2011; March 14-18, 2011; April 22, 2011; and April 25, 2011) for make-up teaching days.
- C. Use a combination of existing school holidays (February 21, 2011; March 14-18, 2011; April 22, 2011; April 25, 2011) and the addition of teaching days to the end of the existing academic calendar.
- D. Use Monday-February 21, 2011 and Monday-April 25, 2011 along with two Saturdays to make up the teaching days.
- E. Use IE Day-Friday, February 18, 2011; existing school holiday on Monday, February 21, 2011; Monday, April 25, 2011; and one additional teaching day on the end of the existing academic calendar for make-up.
- F. Extend the teaching day by 30 minutes per day until 22 hours of instruction are made up. (This would probably need MDE and/or SBE approval.)
- G. Seek MDE/SBE approval to use the previously scheduled early release days to extend instructional time for students and move the early release days (60% days for students) to the end of the existing academic calendar or to four Saturdays.
- H. Calculate the amount of instructional time in each school's existing teaching day. Based on this calculation, determine if extra instructional time beyond the 330 instructional minutes per day or the 27.5 hours per week is already included in the existing teaching day and request MDE/SBE approval to use this time toward make up of the missed 22 hours of instruction.