

120A.41 LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR; HOURS OF INSTRUCTION.

(a) A school board's annual school calendar must include at least 425 hours of instruction for a kindergarten student without a disability, 935 hours of instruction for a student in grades 1 through 6, and 1,020 hours of instruction for a student in grades 7 through 12, not including summer school. The school calendar for all-day kindergarten must include at least 850 hours of instruction for the school year. The school calendar for a prekindergarten student under section [124D.151](#), if offered by the district, must include at least 350 hours of instruction for the school year. A school board's annual calendar must include at least 165 days of instruction for a student in grades 1 through 11 unless a four-day week schedule has been approved by the commissioner under section [124D.126](#).

(b) A school board's annual school calendar may include plans for up to five days of instruction provided through online instruction due to inclement weather. The inclement weather plans must be developed according to section [120A.414](#).

District #363 has 171 student contact days scheduled on the 2022-2023 calendar. This year, both Northome and Indus have used 5 eLearning Days and 3 "Snow Days". The Indus Campus had additional closings due to a Water Issue in December of 2022, but a make-up instructional day was utilized on Monday, March 6th. With the March 6th Make-Up day for the Indus Campus, both schools are on the same number of eLearning days and "Snow Days".

If we subtract the 3 Snow Days from the 171 student contact days, we end up with 168 instructional days for our K-12 grade students. Mondays are Late Start with 345 instructional minutes each day. Tuesday-Friday have 375 instructional minutes. These figures exclude lunch. If we include the three "snow days" we have 29 Mondays and 139 Tuesday-Fridays on the Calendar for a total of 168 days. When we total up our Mondays we take (345 min x 29 days and divide by 60) to give us the total instructional hours of 166.75. If we do the same for Tuesday through Friday on the calendar, we take (139 days x 375 minutes and divide by 60) and this will give us the total instructional hours of 868.75. If we add up the instructional hours (868.75 plus 166.75) we end up with a total of 1,035.5 instructional hours. This would still meet the MDE requirement of 1,020 instructional hours for 7-12 grade students. Therefore, it is my recommendation the District does not need to add any additional instructional time to the approved calendar.