

The district's academic calendar shall accommodate the education program of the district. The calendar shall be for a minimum of one-hundred and ninety-five (195) days and include, but not be limited to, the days for student instruction, staff development and in-service, and time for teacher conferences.

The academic school year for students is a minimum of one-hundred and eighty (180) days or 1080 hours in the school calendar. The academic school year for students may not begin prior to the week in which September 1st falls unless a waiver is obtained from the Iowa Department of Education. Should September 1st fall on a Sunday, school may begin any day during the calendar week which immediately precedes September 1st. Employees may be required to report to work at the district prior to this date.

Special education students may attend school on a school calendar different from that of the regular education program consistent with their Individualized Education Program.

The board, in its discretion, may excuse graduating seniors from up to five (5) days of instruction after the school district requirements for graduation have been met. The board may also excuse graduating seniors from making up days missed due to inclement weather if the student has met the school district's graduation requirements.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to develop the school calendar for recommendation, approval, and adoption by the board annually. The board may amend the official school calendar when the board considers the change to be in the best interests of the school district's education program.

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