

Policy Title:

School Term

Code No. *601.1*

The school district's academic calendar shall accommodate the educational program of the school district. The calendar shall include, but not be limited to, the days for student instruction, professional development, summer school, and parent / teacher conferences.

The school academic year for students shall be for a minimum of 180 days or 1,080 hours in the school calendar. The school academic year for students may begin each year in the week in which September 1 falls, unless a waiver is obtained from the Iowa Department of Education as outlined in Iowa Code. School district personnel may be required to report to work at the school 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 of Education, in its discretion, may excuse graduating seniors from up to five days, or 30 hours of instruction after the school district requirements for graduation have been met. The Board of Education 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.

The superintendent or designee shall develop annually the school calendar for recommendation, approval, and adoption by the Board of Education.

The Board of Education 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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