

SCHOOL DAY

The board of education recognizes that the calendar year commences on July 1 and ends on the following June 30. Further, the school day hours shall be established each year prior to July 1 for the following term.

The length of the school day and the length of periods of instruction at various levels shall be recommended by the chief school administrator and set by the board, and shall be in keeping with requirements of the state board of education.

The particular opening and closing hours for levels and/or schools shall also be subject to board approval. These opening and closing times shall be as uniform as possible at comparable levels throughout the district. The length of the school day shall be at least as long for students with disabilities as for nondisabled students.

The chief school administrator shall recommend for board approval the length of class periods and the frequency of instruction in individual subjects.

School administrators shall not dismiss school for any part of the school day without the approval of the chief school administrator.

**Date:**

**First Adoption: January 18, 1989**

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**Revision and Adoption: June 26, 2008**

**Legal References:**

**Monitored:**

Indicator 7.8

**Other Reasons:**

It is advisable to have a policy providing for board adoption of the length of instructional class periods and any permanent revisions thereafter. This is closely related to policy on graduation requirements.

Any increase in pupil-teacher contact time or teacher workload exceeding contractually set limits may require prior negotiation.

N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.1(c) requires the length of the school day and year for students with disabilities to be at least as long as for the nondisabled.

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:36-1	School year
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:36-2	Time when schools are open; determination determination
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:36-16	Rules regarding religious holidays
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:14-4.1(c)	General requirements

**Possible**

- Cross References:** \*2210 Administrative leeway in absence of board policy  
\*5113 Absences and excuses  
\*5124 Reporting to parents/guardians  
\*6111 School calendar  
\*6114 Emergencies and disaster preparedness  
\*6141.2 Recognition of religious beliefs and customs  
\*6146 Graduation requirements  
\*6171.4 Special education

**Key Words**

School Day, Length of School Day